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COVER STORY

Mourners pay their respects after the

Ladies-in-waiting bid farewell as they meet coffin at Westminster Hall before making way for the public

By Serina Sandhu

It was hard to stop watching the seven women positioned near Westminster Hall's doors, ahead of the arrival of the Queen's coffin.

The ladies-in-waiting had gathered to pay their respects to their monarch – like members of the Royal Family, the Royal Household, MPs, Lords and dignitaries.

They had been at the Queen's side through decades of service in the public eye and offered companionship in the quieter moments behind the scenes.

These seven women, including the most senior lady-in-waiting, Lady Susan Hussey, were among those who knew her best.

So, as much as bidding farewell to a boss, they were honouring a friend and one of their own on her final journey.

Shortly before 3pm yesterday, silence filled the cavernous hall in the Palace of Westminster, which has seen its share of historic moments in its 900-year history. But the arrival of the Queen's coffin to lie in state until the morning of her funeral on Monday will surely mark one of its most momentous days.

Guests, including the wider Royal Family, knew the moment that they had gathered to witness was approaching when music from the coffin's procession began seeping through the doors, a sign that its 38-minute journey from Buckingham Palace was coming to a close.

Scores of figures dressed in black around the room turned their heads towards the door, awaiting the arrival of the coffin.

The impeccable choreography of the Queen's final journey, which began in Balmoral, was summed

up when the choirs of Westminster Abbey and His Majesty's Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, sang "Psalm 139" to coincide perfectly with the coffin's entrance.

Although they had initially been waiting in the hall, the Queen Consort, the Princess of Wales, the Countess of Wessex and the Duchess of Sussex, took up new positions next to their husbands, along with the Princess Royal and her husband Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence and the Duke of York, to follow the coffin inside for the last steps of the journey.

The immediate Royal Family were the picture of solemnity and duty in front of the eyes of the world. But equally, their faces spoke clearly of the emotion of the occasion and the sadness of the last few days, and it was, perhaps, little surprise that King Charles could be seen if not tearful, then at least moist-eyed as he gazed at his mother's coffin.



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The Queen visited every corner of the UK and Commonwealth during her reign – 30 per cent of British adults say they personally met or saw her at some point in their life.

We would love to hear from readers with stories to tell about meeting the Queen or any anecdotes they wish to share about the effect she had on them. Please email i@inews.co.uk with "Queen" as the subject line.

Some honoured the Queen in their own way, such as the new Princess of Wales, who wore the monarch's diamond and pearl leaf brooch. Prince Harry wore his Golden, Diamond and Platinum Jubilee medals.

Carried by eight bearers, the coffin, topped with the Royal Standard, the Imperial State Crown and white flowers, was eased on to the catafalque in the centre of the hall where it will lie in state, giving mourners a chance to file past and pay their respects for the next four days.

What followed was a short service in which Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Dr David Hoyle, the Dean of Westminster, delivered prayers and blessings.

One-by-one, each guest who had been invited to witness the arrival of the coffin filed past it, some bowing or curtseying in deference.

When it came to their turn, the ladies-in-waiting simply curtseied from where they were standing on the sidelines.

As senior members of the family filed out of the hall, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, who despite stepping back as working royals have played a central role in proceedings following the Queen's death, were seen holding hands.

The Queen's coffin will now be visited by hundreds of thousands of people who want to say their final goodbye.

Lyndsay Cochrane, who arrived in the queue shortly before 7am from Chepstow, in Wales, was among the first 300 or so mourners to pay their respects. The 75-year-old told **i** she simply felt she "had to be here".

"I've always loved the Queen. Over the years, she's become more and more impressive. Everybody wants to celebrate her life."



MONARCHY

William and Harry stand united as they walk behind coffin

By Emily Ferguson

Princes William and Harry stood shoulder to shoulder in another display of unity as the brothers walked behind the Queen's coffin to Westminster Hall.

The Duke of Sussex, who spent a decade in the Armed Forces, including two tours of duty to Afghanistan, was not in military uniform like the Prince of Wales, because he is no longer a working royal.

The Duke of York, who stood in the first row of the procession beside his sister Anne, the Princess Royal, and brother Edward, Earl of Wessex, was also not in military uniform. Cathe-

rine, Princess of Wales and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, joined the princes at Westminster Hall, having travelled separately by car.

William and Harry's public reunion was their second in five days. They had come together unexpectedly on Saturday to view floral tributes outside Windsor Castle, opting to put family first following the much-publicised rift over the Sussexes' decision to step down from royal duties and allegations made by the couple in media appearances since moving to the US.

A royal expert, Richard Fitzwilliams, said: "It is an important symbol of the united family."



Prince William wore military uniform but his brother did not

The sight of the brothers together, walking behind the coffin, evoked poignant memories of their mother Diana's funeral 25 years ago. It marked a stark contrast to the siblings' appearance together at the funeral of their grandfather, the Duke of Edinburgh, when their cousin, Peter Phillips, stood between them.

PROCESSION

Crowds on The Mall watch in near-silence

By Serina Sandhu

Having made countless trips up and down The Mall outside Buckingham Palace in her lifetime, it was a moment filled with poignancy as the Queen made a final journey down the dusky pink road on the way to her lying-in-state.

At 2.22pm, the Queen's coffin began moving down the road, lined with Union Jack flags fluttering, to Westminster Hall, where it will stay until her funeral on Monday.

Draped in the Royal Standard and adorned with the Imperial State Crown, the coffin was pulled on a gun carriage by the King's Troop of the Royal Horse Artillery.

Acknowledging two of the places the Queen loved best – and the home where she died peacefully last Thursday – the coffin was topped with a wreath made of pine from the gardens at Balmoral and lavender from the grounds of Windsor. Among the foliage were white roses and dahlias, with rosemary.

Queen leaves Palace for final time



King Charles, Prince William and the Princess Royal salute while Prince Andrew and Prince Harry bow their heads as the Queen's coffin is carried into the Palace of Westminster
BEN STANSALL/POOL/AP

The gun carriage was followed on foot by King Charles and his siblings, Anne, the Princess Royal, who has travelled much of the journey with the coffin from Balmoral to London, the Duke of York, and the Earl of Wessex.

For the second time in less than a week, his sons, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Sussex, appeared shoulder to shoulder, putting aside their well-documented differences and uniting for both their grandmother and father, the new monarch.

Accompanying them was Anne's son, Peter Phillips, her husband, Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence, the Duke of Gloucester and the Earl of Snowdon.

The Queen Consort, the Princess of Wales, the Countess of Wessex and the Duchess of Sussex travelled by car to Westminster Hall.

It was a markedly sombre affair in a part of London that is usually bustling on a dry September afternoon.

Despite music from a military band, the solemnity of the senior royals as they walked in time, eyes

The next five days

Today The lying-in-state continues as hundreds of thousands of people file into Westminster Hall.

Tomorrow The King and Queen Consort travel to Wales to attend a thanksgiving service for the Queen at Llandaff Cathedral and events at the Senedd and Cardiff Castle.

Saturday and Sunday Foreign heads of state begin to arrive.

Monday The Queen's coffin will be taken in a grand military procession from the Palace of Westminster to

Westminster Abbey for the state funeral. Following the service, the coffin will be taken in procession from Westminster Abbey to Wellington Arch and then travel on to Windsor.

Once there, the Queen's coffin will be taken into St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, where a televised committal service will take place. Later, there will be a private interment service with senior members of the Royal Family.

The Queen's final resting place will be the King George VI Memorial Chapel.

fixed ahead, set the tone for the occasion, leaving the crowds of people who had gathered to witness history mostly in silence, occasionally broken by a smattering of applause. Many silently wiped away tears.

The Queen's commitment to duty and ceremony was perhaps weigh-

ing on all those taking part in the procession, with everyone wanting to make sure they did not miss a beat or make a misstep.

Loyal members of the Queen's staff formed part of the procession, including two of the Queen's Pages and the Palace Steward, who

walked directly in front of the coffin. Her private secretary, Sir Edward Young, was there with the Master of the Household at Buckingham Palace, Vice Admiral Sir Tony Johnstone-Burt.

Leading the procession was the Mounted Metropolitan Police, followed by a Dismounted Detachment of The Life Guards, the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiments, and the Bands of the Grenadier and Scots Guards.

The Bearer Party around the coffin was formed of troops from The Queen's Company 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.

On its way to the lying-in-state, the procession passed the statue of the Queen's parents, King George VI and the Queen Mother, which overlooks The Mall. It also travelled past several iconic London landmarks, including Horse Guards and Horse Guards Arch and down Whitehall.

A plethora of Union Jacks were proudly flown throughout the route, along with flags from across the Commonwealth.

Letter from the Editor
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Rare silence in London to honour Queen

No one told the birds. At 2.22pm, the crowds gathered along The Mall stopped chattering and a hush finally fell over us.

The Queen has been greeted with applause, cheers and toots from car horns over the past few days, most notably when motorists and pedestrians lined the A40 at night, after she landed at RAF Northolt.

This time, silence fell. Or the closest you can get to it during the opening bars of a state funeral. Helicopters droned above, a couple of toddlers bickered, and for a few minutes the only other noise was the birds in the trees behind us in St James's Park. Cannon fire punctuated the quiet, guns blasting away in Hyde Park – and at last the faint strain of marching bands grew louder. (The Scots Guards and the Grenadier Guards.)

Sunlight danced on the Imperial State Crown as her gun carriage was dragged past. Then she was gone.

The next time that the King sees his Prime Minister, perhaps he might urge the Government to hurry up its energy help for businesses (page 18).

Pausing politics, briefly, for national mourning is entirely correct. But we can be confident that the late monarch would not want firms around the UK to go to the wall because they didn't receive this rescue deal on gas and electricity bills in time.

The country has been without a fully functioning government for months. Businesses, who are not protected by the household price cap on energy, are still waiting to find out what help they may get from the Government. Plenty warn they will go bust.

Liz Truss is planning one of Britain's biggest economic interventions in peacetime. This should be scrutinised properly by MPs: we live in a democracy.

Parliament has bounced from one recess to another as the UK's problems have mounted. The Commons was going to sit for just seven days out of 87 between July and October – although as we report today, Ms Truss is considering bringing MPs back for extra days (page 8). Britain's economic problems won't wait.

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The Queen's road to rest



A legacy to follow

King Charles walks behind the Queen's coffin – adorned with the Imperial State Crown – during the procession from Buckingham Palace to Westminster yesterday MARCO BERTORELLO/AFP/GETTY



United in grief

The Prince and Princess of Wales (front) and the Duke and Duchess of Sussex (back) depart after paying their respects at Westminster Hall, where the Queen's coffin will remain until her funeral on Monday EMILIO MORENATTI/AFP/GETTY

Timing Matter of minutes

The Queen's procession left at exactly 2.22pm yesterday from Buckingham Palace.

The reason for the exact timing has not been disclosed by Buckingham Palace, but there are several reasons for why it could have been chosen.

The journey time

The duration of the journey from the Palace to its destination is exactly 38 minutes. The time of 2.22pm could therefore have been chosen to ensure the Queen's body arrives at 3pm.

Tribute to King George VI

In 1952, after the death of King George VI, the Queen's father, bells at Westminster Abbey sounded 56 times – once for each year of the sovereign's life – from 1.27pm until 2.22pm.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Another reason for the timing of 2.22pm could be in reference to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which was marked this year. February 2022 (2/22) was the 70th anniversary of the Queen ascending the throne.





Farewell to the Palace

The procession of the Queen's coffin, which was carried on a gun carriage of the King's Troop of the Royal Horse Artillery, leaves Buckingham Palace, led by mounted police and members of the armed forces

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The Royal Standard

Catherine, the Princess of Wales (left), and Sophie, the Countess of Wessex, watch as the Queen's coffin – draped in the flag of the sovereign – arrives at Westminster Hall

GREGORIO BORGIA/AP

Comment

Princes retrace the steps they took for funeral of their mother

Brothers are reunited to undertake solemn duty. By **Jane Merrick**

It was the same route down The Mall, the same grand London plane trees that struck a vivid green in the autumn sunshine, the same shadow cast on red asphalt by a gun carriage carrying a coffin.

Twenty five years, one week and a day after they walked behind their mother's coffin at her funeral, William and Harry joined the procession to Westminster Hall for the Queen's lying-in-state.

Back in September 1997, the princes, aged 15 and 12, wearing black suits that were slightly too large, their shoulders stooped by sorrow, formed a ragged line alongside the Duke of Edinburgh, their father and Earl Spencer, Diana's brother.

Yesterday, their backs straightened by duty and wearing the medals of frontline service, the Prince of Wales and Duke of Sussex took the same sombre journey.

For the two princes, who have spoken about the long-lasting trauma of being made to follow their mother's coffin at such young ages, the memories must have been sharp.

In 1997, there was no military band or music, only a small procession of the Welsh Guards walking in silence with Diana's coffin.

Instead, the sound was less regular, the atmosphere raw and mourners still in shock at the

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unnatural death of a princess. Members of the public in the crowd wept noisily, some wailing and shouting: “We love you!” Flowers were thrown onto the gun carriage.

For the Queen, the scene was more formal and orderly. A military band kept the pace with funeral marches; there was a gun salute every minute. The crowds stood in silence, or cried discreetly. Some clapping was heard as the procession crossed Horse Guards Parade, but it was restrained.

The late monarch's funeral has been planned for years. The timing went with military precision.

In 1997, the princes' grief was absolute. Prince Harry told



Prince Harry, Earl Spencer and Prince William at Diana's funeral

a documentary last year: “It was like I was outside my body, just walking along doing what was expected of me, showing one tenth of the emotion that everyone was showing.” He said he remembered thinking: “This is my mum. You haven't even met her.”

In 2017, Prince William said: “You never get over it. It's such an unbelievably big moment in your life that it never leaves you. You just learn to deal with it.”

As the princes walked the journey from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall yesterday afternoon, they walked side by side, separated by only a few feet, rather than their estrangement of the past few years.

William, along with other family members in full military uniform, saluted as they walked past the Cenotaph. Harry, who has seen the most frontline active service of any of them but could not wear the uniform, only the medals, due to royal protocol, bowed his head.

However sad is the death of the Queen and the grief of her family, there is a natural order of things to the end of a 96-year-old life well lived. Not at 36, as Diana was.

So while the memories must have stirred sorrow for these two men, perhaps this journey offered two important things: reconciliation, after Harry and Meghan's departure from royal duties, and, in the formality of a procession for their grandmother after a full, long and happy life, a sense of closure.

SOCIETY

Crowds told they could need to

By Hugo Gye and Emily Ferguson

The queue to view the Queen lying in state could stretch for 10 miles, it has emerged, as Parliament issued a ban on mourners using mobile phones inside Westminster Hall.

More than 1,000 staff and volunteers will be monitoring the crowd at any one time, amid fears that vulnerable people could be exhausted by standing for hours on end.

Ministers and officials have been planning for the operation for years. But as the queue officially started last night, there was still uncertainty over key facts such as how many people will be able to pass through the hall to view the Queen's coffin each hour.

The front of the queue is situated where Albert Embankment meets Lambeth Bridge on the southern bank of the Thames, from which point mourners are directed to cross over to Westminster. The queue is set to stretch through the South Bank area and end at Southwark Park in central south-east London.

The distance between the finish point and the furthest extent of the queue is less than five miles, but "zig-zag" queuing systems have been set up in Southwark Park and Victoria Tower Gardens, next to Parliament, meaning that the queue will stretch to around 10 miles (16 kilometres).

If at any point the queuing infrastructure is full, it will be temporarily closed and no one will be allowed to join. The queue will close for good on either Sunday evening or Monday morning, when officials judge that anyone else joining will not reach Westminster Hall in time.

The Queen's lying-in-state opened to the public at 5pm yesterday and will operate 24 hours a day until it

1,000

The approximate number of staff and volunteers who are managing the queue along the River Thames

closes at 6.30am on Monday 19 September – the day of her funeral.

At any given time, 779 professional stewards will be on duty, assisted by 100 civil servant volunteer marshals, 40 adult Scouts, 30 members of the first aid nursing yeomanry and dozens of police officers.

There are 500 temporary toilets located along the route, as well as eight first aid stations run by St John Ambulance. Everyone joining the queue is being issued with a wristband, colour-coded to mark their approximate place, which allows them to leave for a short period in order to use the toilet or buy food.

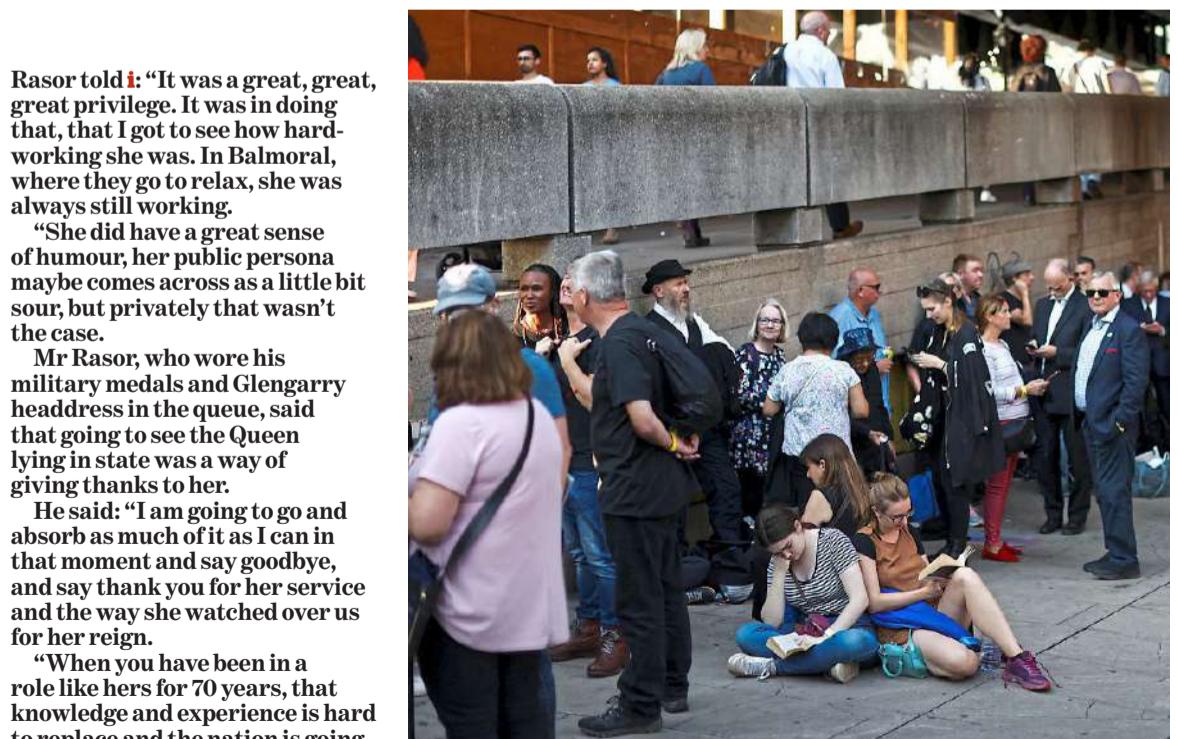
Parliamentary authorities have warned that everyone entering Westminster Hall should turn off their mobile and put it in their pocket as photography is strictly banned.

Security checkpoints have been set up at the entrance to Parliament, with a list of banned items, including T-shirts with political slogans on them, that will be checked by guards.

A separate "accessible" queue, starting from Tate Modern on the South Bank, is available for disabled people and others who cannot stand for a long period. Stewards will be on hand to check that the queue is not being abused. They will also monitor the main queue and offer priority access to anyone who is struggling.

Toilets and cafés in local buildings will be open 24 hours a day for those in the queue, with mourners able to head to the National Theatre and Shakespeare's Globe for refreshments.

Entertainment will be provided by the British Film Institute, which will have an outdoor screen showing archive footage of the Queen and her reign.



PEOPLE

Barbecue with the Queen: she did the washing up

By Patrick Grafton-Green

A former member of the Balmoral Royal Guard, who was in the queue to see the Queen yesterday, has told of how he enjoyed several dinners and barbecues with her – and said that she even insisted on doing the washing up.

Duncan Rasor, who was in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders between 1998 and 2002, is among the thousands to have joined the queue to witness the monarch's lying-in-state.

Mr Rasor was posted in Northern Ireland and did tours of Kosovo and Kenya while serving. He served in the Balmoral Royal Guard for four months in 1999.

It was during this time that he had several dinners with the Queen, including some attended by a few as eight people, and attended two editions of the Ghillies Ball – a traditional dance held at Balmoral.

The 48-year-old, from Richmond in south-west London, spoke of one occasion when the Queen insisted that she wanted to do the dishes after an informal barbecue.

"We had some formal and some more informal dinners," he said. "We once had a barbecue with the Queen – she prepared salads and afterwards she wanted to do the washing up. It was a unique thing."

Of his time at Balmoral, Mr

Rasor told i: "It was a great, great privilege. It was in doing that, that I got to see how hard-working she was. In Balmoral, where they go to relax, she was always still working.

"She did have a great sense of humour, her public persona maybe comes across as a little bit sour, but privately that wasn't the case."

Mr Rasor, who wore his military medals and Glengarry headdress in the queue, said that going to see the Queen lying in state was a way of giving thanks to her.

He said: "I am going to go and absorb as much of it as I can in that moment and say goodbye, and say thank you for her service and the way she watched over us for her reign."

"When you have been in a role like hers for 70 years, that knowledge and experience is hard to replace and the nation is going to miss that."

People queue to pay their respects at the Queen's lying-in-state REUTERS

queue for 10 miles to see Queen



PEOPLE

'It was a very emotional moment - and a spiritual experience'

By Chloe Chaplain
POLITICAL REPORTER

Mourners who waited hours to pay their respects to the Queen spoke of being overwhelmed with emotion after saying a fond farewell at the lying-in-state.

The jovial atmosphere in the queue, where friendships were formed, changed to silence as the line filed into Westminster Hall.

Those first in line emerged into Parliament Square teary and sombre - some too overwhelmed with emotion to speak.

Others, who had made friends during the cold and wet hours waiting overnight, were embracing and exchanging contact details before parting ways.

Andrew Israels-Swenson, who travelled from Minnesota, and Thuus Naymen, from Wimbledon, swapped emails after enduring the long wait overnight.

Ms Naymen, 86, who moved from Holland to the UK in 1954 - the year after Queen Elizabeth II was crowned - said the experience of paying her respects was "so moving and dignified".

Mr Israels-Swenson (*inset, with Ms Naymen*) made the 4,000 mile journey on behalf of

his mother who was not able to come herself. He had arrived at noon on Tuesday and waited for 29 hours to enter the hall. "It was the honour of a lifetime to be the first American through," he said. "Inside, it was very understated, elegant regal and perfect."

Nathalie, who did not give her surname, had travelled from Reading with her neighbour. "It was such a big build-up and I am tired and a bit overwhelmed now," she said. "But it was almost like a meditation or prayer when we got to walk past slowly. It was a very emotional moment and spiritual experience."

John Miller, a retired army officer, explained why he had travelled from Cambridge to London. "I served for the Queen for 17 years," he said.

He arrived in the line at 6.20am on Wednesday and was 418th in the queue, where he befriended other military personnel.

Jacquie Darcy, who queued from 6pm on Tuesday, said: "It was raining and we were cold but it was worth it.

"She has been in my life ever since I was born. I have never had the privilege of meeting her and this is my chance to pay my respects for everything she has done for this country."



TELEVISION

Westminster live stream proves a hit

By Alex Green

The number of viewers tuning in to a BBC live stream of the Queen lying in state topped 20,000 at several points within its first hour online.

The service began broadcasting globally via the BBC News website at 5pm yesterday, when the doors of Westminster Hall were opened to the public.

Many mourners were in tears as they filed solemnly past the late monarch's coffin to lay their respects.

The number of people viewing the dedicated BBC channel quickly rose to about 20,000 and remained there for much of the first hour.

The service is also available in the UK on the iPlayer, BBC Parliament and the red button.

RITUAL

The history of lying in state, from Mary II to Elizabeth II

By Sally Guyoncourt

Lying in state is a ritual steeped in history and has been performed for hundreds of years to honour the dead of all statuses.

Traditionally, it involved the bodies of the dead being laid out, prepared and dressed, then displayed in a room of the family house for several days while the burial was arranged and visitors paid their respects.

This delay between death and burial derived from the need to confirm that death had actually occurred before the corpse was interred.

Over time, the nobility and gentry elaborated the practice of lying in state at least up to the early 19th century, with

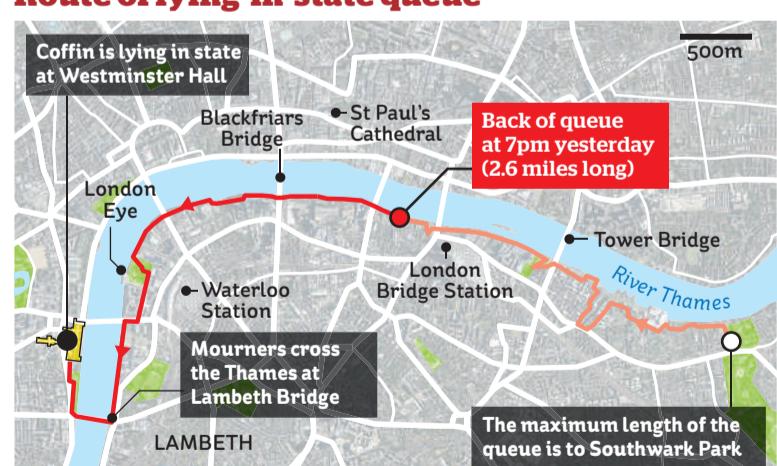
bodies displayed with grander furnishings and in a more public place.

As undertakers began to acquire chapels of rest, lying in state became associated with those in elevated positions in public life.

When Queen Mary II died in December 1694, her body was taken to Whitehall Palace to lie in state until her funeral at Westminster Abbey on 5 March 1695.

Queen Victoria requested there be no public lying-in-state after her death on 22 January 1901 on the Isle of Wight. Instead, her body was taken to Windsor Castle, after which came two days of private lying-in-state in the Albert Memorial Chapel before

Route of lying-in-state queue



she was interred beside her late husband, Prince Albert, in the Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore.

Traditionally, when the monarch or consort lies in state, male members of the Royal Family mount a guard known as the Vigil of the Princes.

Lying in state is not unique to the UK but observed worldwide.

When Pope John Paul II died he first lay in state without a coffin in the papal residence before being placed in St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican, where people came to view the body and pray.

SOCIETY

Funeral shutdown will hit those who rely on food banks

By Ben Gartside

SENIOR REPORTER

Some food banks are set to close for the Queen's funeral next Monday, prompting concern over access to food for the poorest in society.

Numerous food banks have announced closures, with some pointing out that food providers will not be working on the bank holiday, while others will be closing to observe the day of mourning.

FareShare Yorkshire, which pro-

vides food to 428 other charities and helped provide 4.2 million meals last year, said it would close all its sites out of respect for the Queen.

Bournemouth Food Bank said it would "be following Her Majesty's funeral and celebrating her beautiful life", and therefore both the food bank and offices would be closed.

The Right Choices project in Leeds said it was unable to open

because of food providers' unavailability. Others were more directly impacted by the ceremonies.

Let's Feed Brum, an anti-homelessness charity operating in Birmingham was unable to run its usual breakfast programme due to Birmingham Cathedral, its usual operating venue, being declared a designated place of mourning.

The closures are part of wider

impacts on public services, which largely stem from day being declared a bank holiday.

GP appointments are among services impacted, as well as retail and leisure services.

Wimbledon Food Bank initially announced a closure over the bank holiday "due to the Queen's funeral", which caused uproar.

It said it usually closed on bank holidays anyway and wanted to offer the opportunity for staff and workers to pay their respects to the Queen.

However, in a statement, the volunteer-run service said it would now open following "overwhelming support we have received".

It said: "We now have volunteers to run our Monday session as usual."

The Trussell Trust, which helps run several food banks across the UK, said discussions were ongoing over whether food banks needed alternative provisions on the day of the Queen's funeral, but said that many already did not open on bank holiday Mondays.



POLITICS

MPs set to return to Commons amid energy crisis

By Richard Vaughan

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs expect to return to Parliament for extra working days next week as the Government looks to press ahead with its plans to tackle the energy price crisis.

Normal business in the Commons was paused for 10 days after the Queen's death, putting the brakes on Liz Truss's efforts to help consumers with her energy rescue package.

But Downing Street is now looking at reducing the period that MPs will be away from Commons after the official mourning period ends on Monday, amid fears that the Government will not have time to implement its economic intervention.

Parliament is currently suspended until an unspecified date after the Queen's funeral on Monday and is set to rise on 22 September to allow for the Labour, Conservative and SNP party conferences to take place.

But this severely restricts the time for the "fiscal event" planned by Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng, particularly with the Prime Minister expected to fly to New York following the funeral to attend a meeting of the United Nations General As-

sembly. Consumer groups and businesses have been crying out for more details as to how the energy scheme will work, while the Government must also legislate for parts of what is effectively a mini-Budget.

The Prime Minister's spokesman said the Government was actively looking at how it might cut back the recess period as it seeks to make up for lost parliamentary time.

i understands that options being considered include MPs returning to Parliament on Wednesday to be sworn in under the new King.

Mr Kwarteng (*inset*) would then spell out his energy proposals on Thursday and MPs would begin voting on the measures later that day and on Friday. It is then expected that

MPs would return from their recess nearly a week earlier than planned, on Tuesday 11 October rather than the scheduled 17 October.

A senior Tory backbencher said: "The energy support requires legislation to get parts of it through. There's quite a lot of chamber time needed for other matters, so the lost days need to be cancelled out by coming back a week early."

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Liz Truss and Sir Keir Starmer leave Westminster Hall yesterday after the reception of the Queen's coffin. Parliament is expected to sit next week GETTY

Comment

Delaying party conferences would be mistake

Hugo Gye

POLITICAL EDITOR



As things currently stand, Parliament is currently due to sit for no more than nine days between 22 July and 16 October, with several days devoted to royal tributes.

At a time when the country is struggling with a cost-of-living

crisis, public services are under strain and the war in Ukraine may be at a turning point, it may not be ideal for MPs to be absent from Westminster for so long.

That explains why urgent talks are under way to cut short the upcoming conference recess, due to take up three and a half weeks.

An extra sitting day next week, and coming back from the break a week early, would allow Parliament to scrutinise the actions of the new Government so

far, and let ministers table urgent legislation needed for parts of the energy bills support package.

So why not go further, and cancel the Labour and Conservative Party conferences altogether? The Liberal Democrats have already had to scrap their planned get-together because it would have clashed with the state funeral. Party conferences are typically orgies of self-congratulation, with the leadership focussed on geeing

up activists – and enjoying lavish evening events sponsored by corporate partners.

Putting the conferences on hold would be understandable – but a mistake. Labour's annual gathering, which this year takes place in Liverpool, is one of the only times when the party can be assured of front-page headlines and prominent coverage on TV.

As we get ever closer to the next election, many voters say they still do not know what Sir Keir Starmer's Labour stands for; it is in the public interest for the

party to lay out its vision for the nation, preferably accompanied by detailed policy offerings.

The Conservative conference in Birmingham is a crucial opportunity for Liz Truss to introduce herself to voters, and to announce the policy priorities that ministers and officials have been working on behind closed doors during this current mourning period.

Conferences can be self-indulgent, especially coming so soon after this time of national unity, but they are an essential part of the democratic process.

MONARCHY

The law that means Prince Andrew but not Princess Anne can step in for the King

By Emily Ferguson

Prince Andrew can still deputise for King Charles as counsellor of state under rules dating back almost a century. The rules mean the Duke of York can step in temporarily for the King, but their sister, the Princess Royal cannot.

Counsellors of state, of which there are usually five, can be called on to stand in for the monarch should they fall ill or be absent from duties.

Under the Regency Act 1937, passed the year after George VI came to the throne, counsellors of state include the spouse of the monarch and the next four people in line to the throne who are aged over 21.

Princess Anne is excluded because when she was born, male heirs had first right to the throne over females – a rule based on male primogeniture.

In 2013 the Succession to the Crown Act abolished this and gave women equal rights to men in the line of succession. The act applies to those born after 28 October, 2011, but is not retrospective.

It means that for King Charles, the counsellors of state are his wife Camilla, the Queen Consort, his sons Prince William and Prince Harry, his brother Prince Andrew, and his niece Princess Beatrice.

The Duke of York's daughter is ninth in line to the throne, but is the fourth eligible adult aged over 21. Like Prince Andrew and Prince Harry, the Princess is not a working royal.

The Queen's counsellors of state were her husband Prince Philip until his death, Charles, William, Harry and Andrew.

It would require new legislation to be passed for the Princess Royal to replace Prince Andrew.

Royal experts told i that the existing protocol requires a "radical rethink", due to the exclusion of Princess Anne, who has played a major role in the ceremonial events to mark the Queen's death.

But for any change to the current standings, legislation would



Only two of the King's siblings can deputise for him
ISABEL INFANTES/WPA POOL/GETTY

be required. Prince Charles, who is known to want to prevent the Duke of York from returning to royal duties, and his team have not yet said whether the laws could be altered.

The role is an important one as a counsellor of state can be called on to carry out official duties, such as attend the state opening of Parliament, and act on the King's behalf.

Thomas Mace-Archer-Mills, founder of the British Monarchs Society, said: "Year after year, she [Princess Anne] is continuously one of if not the hardest working royal. She is proven reliable, trustworthy, and duty-bound."

Royal expert Richard Fitzwilliams suggested a radical rethink. "What you need is someone like the Princess Royal or the Earl and Countess of Wessex."

MILITARY

Rehearsals for parade began long before dawn

By Conrad Smith

Horses, troops and military bands performed a full dress rehearsal before daybreak for the procession that took the late Queen's coffin from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall at the House of Parliament.

Officials said the horses taking part had special training for the event, including how to cope with mourners and the flowers and flags being thrown.

"They get exposure to loud noises, crowds, flags, flowers, people sobbing, even to the point of banging lots of drums and making aggressive noises," said Sergeant Tom Jenks, who led the gun carriage that carried the Queen's coffin from Buckingham Palace.

Among the horses involved yesterday was Cassius, an 18-year-old who participated in the former prime minister Lady Thatcher's funeral in 2013. AP

CULTURE

Harry's memoir set to be delayed

By Emily Ferguson

POLITICAL REPORTER

The publication of Prince Harry's memoir is expected to be delayed until at least next year following the Queen's death.

The book was being billed as a definitive account of the Duke of Sussex's "experiences, adventures, losses and life lessons", potentially including incendiary details about his decision to step down from frontline royal duties and move to the US.

Publishers Penguin Random House had originally scheduled the release for "late 2022" but the death

\$20m
The amount Penguin Random House is believed to have paid for Prince Harry's memoir

of the Queen is said to have thrown publication plans into turmoil.

A source close to the Sussexes told *The Telegraph* that the book would now not come out as planned as a mark of respect, although publication is still expected to go ahead at a later date.

The Duchess of Sussex had already paused the release of new episodes of her *Archetypes* podcast. A note appearing on the Spotify show's description said: "New episodes of *Archetypes* will be

paused during the official mourning period for Her Majesty The Queen". However, it is believed the postponement could last several weeks, well beyond the official 17-day royal period of mourning.

In July 2021, Harry announced that he had signed a reported \$20m (£17m) deal with Penguin Random House to publish a book, which would cover a "firsthand account" of his life "that's accurate and wholly truthful". It is understood ghostwriter

JR Moehringer had finished the book and lawyers had signed off the final manuscript.

Members of the Royal Family were not due to be given advanced sight of the memoir and had not been informed when it was due to be published. However, Princes William and Harry have twice reunited publicly since the death of their beloved "Granny", in a sign that icy relations between them are starting to thaw.

Harry flew up to Balmoral separately from other members of his family last Thursday, arriving around 90 minutes after Buckingham Palace announced her death.



Up to 100 Clarence House employees were told they could lose their jobs

CLARENCE HOUSE

Trade union condemns 'callous' redundancies

By Connie Dimsdale

A trade union representing civil servants has branded the decision to announce redundancies during the period of national mourning as "nothing short of heartless".

Up to 100 employees at King Charles's former official residence were told they could lose their jobs following his accession to the throne.

This includes some employees who have worked at Clarence House for decades, and many who have supported the new King since the death of his mother last Thursday.

Mark Serwotka, the general secretary of the Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS), described the speed at which the changes had been announced as "callous in the extreme".

He said: "While some changes across the households were to be expected, as roles across the Royal Family change, the scale and speed at which this has been announced is callous in the extreme. Least of all because we do not know what staffing the incoming Prince of Wales and his family might need."

The union said the timing was "premature" because Prince William had now taken on the additional workload of the Prince of Wales, so was unlikely to be able to cope without the additional staff.

Clarence House workers do not have an officially recognised trade union, but the PCS union – which represents some workers in the Royal Household – has pledged to support the employees where possible.

The redundancies came after the offices of King Charles and the Queen Consort were moved to Buckingham Palace following the Queen's death.

Many staff members presumed they would take on roles in the King's new household, but they were unaware of the plans until a letter from the King's top aide, Sir Clive Alderton, informed them of the redundancies.

A spokesman for Clarence House said some redundancies are "unavoidable" during the accession of King Charles III, but that other members of staff would be offered "alternative roles".

SECURITY

London prepares for the UK's biggest ever policing operation

From bomb-proof bins to surveillance technology, the Met readies for crowd control and threats. By **Molly Blackall**

It's poised to be the biggest security operation in the UK, with thousands of people joining a host of foreign dignitaries and British royals in one, open-air spot.

Simon Morgan, a former Metropolitan Police personal protection officer for the Royal Family, said the funeral for Queen Elizabeth II, would mark "the biggest policing operation that UK policing has ever dealt with."

"It's going to be comparable as an event with the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, but I think the crowds will be in excess of that. Especially as the funeral is now a public holiday."

This unprecedented operation happens during Met Police Commissioner Mark Rowley's first week in the job. Sir Mark (*inset*) has admitted the event will be a "massive challenge for the Met Police and for me personally" but insisted the force has been preparing for many years. "We will have a safe event."

So how can officers ensure the safety of guests and the public?

"The answer is: you can't," said Professor Pete Fussey, of the University of Essex. He cited the shooting of blanks at the Queen during the 1981 Trooping the Colour as evidence that royal events can never be 100 per cent secure.

But officers will be working around the clock to make the event as safe as possible, leaning on myriad resources – including intelligence, staffing boosts and military tactics – to minimise risk. "You can start advanced monitoring of crowds, using deterrent measures of police uniform and plainclothes, intelligence work," Professor Fussey said. "I'm sure there's an awful lot of work carried on behind the scenes around particular activist groups, trying to anticipate any disruption in advance."

THREAT ASSESSMENT

"Police will be planning to deal with a wide range of issues and potential threats, including crowd control, traffic control, public protest, pickpockets and, most significantly, acts of terrorism," said Professor Stuart

Lister of the University of Leeds. "It is likely that in the circumstances the threshold for what is considered to be 'suspicious' or 'disorderly' might well be considerably lower than that which normally applies."

All this is heightened by the appearance of dozens of heads of state and royals for the event. It is expected that US President Joe Biden will bring his own security detail, but arrangements for the other foreign dignitaries are not yet clear.

Officers are being sent to London from elsewhere in the UK. Police forces across the UK have a policy of mutual aid, which allows officers from different forces to be deployed to an area in need of extra support. Mutual aid is expected to last for up to 14 days, **i** understands.

More than 10,000 officers policed each day of the Cop26 climate conference in Glasgow last year, where hundreds of foreign officials gathered and that number is likely to be even higher for the state funeral.

Professor Lister said: "As well as the policing challenge of mitigating risks and making sure the event passes off peacefully there is a huge logistical challenge in how police resources are to be coordinated and deployed."

INTELLIGENCE AND SURVEILLANCE

Officers are expected to be drawing on intelligence and

monitoring in the run up to – and during – the funeral, with enhanced surveillance.

"London has quite an advanced surveillance infrastructure, so there's a level of expertise that has built up over the decades," said Professor Fussey. "One of the things that triggers scrutiny are things that are out of place... like discarded objects. There's quite an advanced system where object recognition happens automatically so if you leave a bag at a station the computer identifies it."

"You can also do that with population flows. The technology can automatically identify when someone is loitering."

Professor Fussey said facial recognition was likely to be used, as

it was utilised "semi-regularly" at important events.

CROWD MANAGEMENT

According to Professor Fussey, police are likely to try to divert crowds away from "vulnerable spots" and may ensure the coffin procession does not pass any large panes of glass – these would cause extreme damage should any explosion take place.

Uniformed police will be present around the crowds, with plain clothes officers expected to be deployed among them.

But questions remain over how the police will deal with demonstrators, with officers criticised by civil rights advocates after the arrests of people holding or shouting anti-monarchy slogans.

Bins in central London, meanwhile, have been covered with plastic to prevent them being used to hide explosives.

London already has a strong network of "hostile vehicle mitigation" such as the large, curved black barriers permanently installed around the Palace of Westminster, where the Queen is lying in state.

Other barriers have been erected to prevent crowds from spilling into the procession, while roads have been closed around central London to vehicles and bikes.

CONSUMER

McDonald's to remain closed until 5pm on day of funeral

By Grace Gausden

McDonald's has said it will shut its UK restaurants as a mark of respect during the day of the Queen's funeral on Monday.

The fast-food giant, which has 1,300 sites across the UK, said outlets will be allowed to reopen at 5pm.

Monday has been made a public bank holiday, and many high street retailers have also announced plans to shut for the day.

However, some hospitality firms have announced that they will continue to operate.

Pub group Stonegate said it will keep venues open on Monday and



The waiting crowds react as the Queen's coffin is transported from Buckingham Palace to the Houses of Parliament yesterday
CARLOS BARRIA/REUTERS

PEOPLE

Japan's royalty to attend funeral

By **Mari Yamaguchi**
IN TOKYO

The Japanese Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako will attend the Queen's funeral.

Japan's chief cabinet secretary Hirokazu Matsuno said the Japanese government accepted the invitation to attend because of the close relations between the two countries' royal families.

Traditionally, a Japanese emperor stays away from funerals whether at home or abroad because of a cultural belief based in the Shinto religion that considers death impure.

But Mr Matsuno said Japan's imperial family has had close relations with the British royal family for three generations. **AP**

10,000

Officers policed each day of the Cop26 climate conference in Glasgow



TRAVEL

Heathrow cancels flights to prevent noise during procession

By Emma Featherstone

DEPUTY TRAVEL EDITOR

Heathrow airport has warned that flights will be disrupted on the day of the Queen's funeral after cancellations during the ceremonial procession on Wednesday.

Airlines will notify passengers of changes during the period of national mourning, according to airport officials.

"Out of respect for the period of mourning following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Heathrow will be making alterations to our operation," a spokesman said.

"We anticipate further changes to the Heathrow operation on Monday 19 September, when Her Majesty's funeral is due to take place, and will communicate those in more detail over coming days."

"We apologise for the disruption these changes cause, as we work to limit the impact on the upcoming events."

Some Heathrow flights between 1.50pm and 3.40pm yesterday were disrupted to ensure silence over central London as the ceremonial procession moved from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall. Many aircraft on their way to Heathrow usually cross London just south of the centre, not far from the route of the procession.

Disruption at Heathrow could be more significant on Monday because

the events related to the state funeral service will last longer.

Nats, the main air navigation service provider in the UK, said: "We are closely working with our airline and airport partners to deliver the Government's plan in respect to the funeral arrangements for Her Majesty."

London City airport, which is closest to the centre of the capital, might also be affected by delays or cancellations on Monday.

However, around 200 daily rail services have been added to timetables for trains to and from London in the coming days as Britons pay their respects to the Queen while she is lying in state in the capital. These include trains throughout the night.

Overnight services will run in and out of London Victoria, Marylebone and Paddington stations in the next few days. Visitors who are waiting for early morning departures from London will be permitted to sit on stationary trains at Charing Cross, Euston, King's Cross, Liverpool Street and Victoria. All trains are expected to be "extremely" busy. Among the extra services are four additional services a day in each direction between London and Manchester until tomorrow.

London will experience "unprecedented travel demand" this week, transport bosses have warned, and the public were told to expect Tube stations to temporarily close to avoid overcrowding.

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Flights cancelled yesterday so the ceremonial procession was not marred by the sound of aircraft overhead

DIPLOMACY

North Korea gets invite but not Syria or Afghanistan

By William James

Britain is inviting a representative from North Korea to attend Queen Elizabeth's funeral on Monday, but Afghanistan, Syria and Venezuela will not be given an invite, according to a Foreign Office source.



Syria and Venezuela would not be invited because Britain does not have diplomatic relations with those states. Afghanistan was not invited due to the current political situation in the country, the source said.

The nations join Russia, Belarus and Myanmar in not being asked to attend.

In total, Foreign Office officials have handwritten around 1,000 invitations for Monday's funeral and a reception with King Charles on Sunday.

The deadline to accept funeral invitations passes today, allowing officials to finalise the seating plan for the event. REUTERS

NEW ZEALAND

Strong Maori links with Crown

By Victoria Craw

The Maori King, Kiingi Tuheitia, and the elder of the Ngai Tahu tribe, Sir Tipene O'Regan, will attend the Queen's funeral alongside New Zealand's Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, demonstrating the strong links between the Crown and Maori people, the government said.

Cabinet secretary Rachel Hayward said six official representatives had been invited to attend, as well as 10 people from the community, at the request of Buckingham Palace.

"New Zealanders, including some living in London, were chosen to represent both Maori in recognition of the relationship with the Crown," she added.

PEOPLE

Biden tells Charles of US admiration for Queen

By Victoria Craw

The US President, Joe Biden, spoke to King Charles III yesterday to offer his condolences and "convey the great admiration of the American people for the Queen".



In a White House report of the call, Mr Biden (*inset*) said he "recalled fondly the Queen's kindness and hospitality, including when she hosted him and the First Lady at Windsor Castle last June."

He also paid tribute to the Queen "whose dignity and constancy deepened the enduring friendship and special relationship be-

tween the United States and the United Kingdom."

He said he hoped to continue a "close relationship" with the King.

Mr Biden and his wife Jill are due to attend the funeral on Monday and he has reportedly been given permission to use his modified car known as 'the beast' in London, despite tight security.

Last week Mr Biden released a glowing tribute to the Queen describing her as "more than a monarch. She defined an era."

He added: "Her legacy will loom large in the pages of British history, and in the story of our world."

LEGAL

Police chiefs remind officers of 'fundamental right to protest'

By David Parsley

CHIEF NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Police chiefs have urged officers across the UK to respect the right of people to protest at events associated with the death of Queen Elizabeth II, including her funeral on Monday.

The National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) has issued guidance to all forces in Britain, telling them that "the ability to protest is a fundamental part of democracy and it is a long-established right in this country".

The move follows a number of incidents when protesters were arrested or moved on by police, with one man being charged with a breach of the peace after shouting at Prince Andrew during the arrival of the Queen's coffin in Edinburgh on Monday.

Another protester was also arrested during Edinburgh's royal events for holding an anti-monarchy sign, while in London a video emerged of a demonstrator being escorted away from the gates of Parliament by a group of officers as he brandished a sign that read "Not My King".

In Oxford, a man was arrested on Sunday on suspicion of behaviour that was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress under section five of the Public Order Act 1986 after shouting "Who elected him?" about King Charles III. He was later released without being charged.

The action of the police towards protesters has been criticised by civil liberty groups and both the NPCC and the Metropolitan Police have since issued new protocols to the tens of thousands of officers from across the UK who will be on duty at events in the coming days to mark the passing of the Queen.

The policy and campaigns officer at the rights group Liberty, Jodie Beck (*inset*), said: "Protest is not a gift from the state, it is a fundamental right. Being able to choose what,

how, and when we protest is a vital part of a healthy democracy."

She added: "It is very worrying to see the police enforcing their broad powers in such a heavy-handed and punitive way to clamp down on free expression."

A spokeswoman for the NPCC said: "We know some people want to protest on a range of issues during this time of national mourning, and officers must balance these rights against those who wish to grieve."

A spokesman for the National Republican Party (NRP), which is campaigning for a UK-wide referendum on the future of the monarchy, voiced concern that the police might not allow peaceful protest during the events to mark the Queen's 70 years on the throne, especially during the funeral itself on Monday.

"If people are causing disorder, then they should be dealt with accordingly," the NRP spokesman added. "Holding up a sign with an opinion and being even touched by the police is, in my eyes, not acceptable."

The NRP declined to comment on whether it had any protests planned for the coming days.

UK law provides everyone with the right to peaceful protest. While there is no specific right in law, it is enshrined in the rights to freedom of expression and freedom of assembly under articles 10 and 11 of the European convention on human rights, which was incorporated into domestic law by the Human Rights Act in 1998.

Limitations to the right to protest in England and Wales were set out in the Public Order Act 1986 and this year in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act. There is also a common law offence of breach of the peace, and an offence of the same name exists separately in Scotland.

Northern Ireland has its own legislation governing protests – the Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987.

Mourners No repeat of Edinburgh jeering

There were no repeat scenes of protesters yesterday for one of the most sombre events of the period of mourning, as the Queen's coffin left Buckingham Palace for the last time.

While tens of thousands of onlookers lined the route between the Palace and Westminster Hall, there was no heckling like what was heard on Monday during a procession in Edinburgh.

Ceremonial viewing areas along the route in London reached capacity early in the morning, while barriers kept any would-be protesters – as

well the thousands of onlookers – well away from the route walked by the Royal Family.

An hour before the procession began at 2.22pm, London's City Hall warned there would be "no entry to any new arrivals" – with onlookers instead directed to an overspill area in Hyde Park.

Among the disappointed onlookers turned away were royal fans Tracey Di Bona and her mother Janet, who had travelled down from Scotland but found Parliament Square blocked off by barricades.



Another View

Ian Dunt



Our right to protest was chiselled away long ago

The arrests keep rolling in. One in Edinburgh for holding up a sign saying "f***k imperialism – abolish the monarchy". Another in Oxford for shouting "Who elected him?" Another on the Edinburgh Royal Mile for heckling Prince Andrew.

A barrister went to Parliament Square with a blank piece of paper and held it up. "Officer came and asked for my details," he tweeted. "He confirmed that if I wrote 'Not My King' on it, he would arrest me." It seems as if the national

mourning over the Queen's death has triggered a crackdown on the free speech of republicans. But we lost our right to free speech years ago.

The police did not use the former home secretary Priti Patel's Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 or Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon's Hate Crime and Public Order Act. They didn't have to.

The arrests in Scotland were made as a breach of the peace. This is behaviour which is "severe enough to cause alarm to ordinary people and threaten serious disturbance to the community". In England, they were made under the Public Order Act 1986, which allows police to arrest someone whose behaviour may cause "harassment, alarm or distress".

These different laws share two crucial qualities.

First, they create a category of criminal behaviour which is extremely vague. "Alarm", for instance, is one of those broad-brushstroke words which should never have found a place in legislation. Second, they hand the police the discretion to make

a judgement about that broad brushstroke word. In combination, these two qualities operate to effectively kill the right to protest.

The Public Order Act in particular has provided police with the ability to persistently interfere with campaigners. Anyone with experience of demonstrations

will have seen it: a kid who swears, someone wearing a provocative T-shirt, an activist throwing lazy insults. Sometimes they are allowed to carry on. Sometimes officers swoop down.

The behaviour, for what it's worth, is often unpleasant. Wandering into a crowd who are

mourning the Queen with a placard saying "f***k imperialism" isn't ideal, and that's at the better end of the spectrum.

But we are not in the business of figuring out what is a civilised way to behave or working out who we

Only incitement to violence should be grounds for limiting speech



Anti-monarchy protesters gathered outside Parliament on Tuesday REUTERS

would like to have over for a dinner party. We are in the business of figuring out what should be legal. These are examples of free speech which should be protected as free speech.

That's why the problem is bigger than police discretion. It's about the threshold for intrusion on free expression.

There should be no laws against causing someone alarm. The only possible moral basis for restriction on freedom of speech is that it is being used to limit the freedom of others. In the majority of cases that will be because it is being used to incite violence.

Even then, that threat cannot just be a generalised smudge of causation – that if we allow people to say unpleasant things then sometime in the future someone might be hurt. It should be a direct and immediate causal line. Someone is at that moment trying to stoke violent behaviour in a context in which violent behaviour is likely to take place.

This threshold was established at the birth of modern liberalism. It's not a complex idea. But we have drifted from it.

Our usual good sense on free speech issues has been absent for decades. Far from getting it back, things are going to get worse.

SPORT

Celtic football fans mock Queen's death

Celtic supporters were criticised last night after banners mocking the death of the Queen were unfurled during the Scottish football club's Champions League game against Shakhtar Donetsk.

Six signs including one saying "f**k the Crown" were unveiled before the game in the Polish capital, Warsaw, where the Ukrainian team is playing its European ties following Russia's invasion of their country.

The banners drew an apology from broadcaster BT Sport during television coverage of the game.

Commentator Rob MacLean told viewers: "Apologies if anyone has taken offence at anything seen in the early minutes."

The Scottish club is known to have an anti-monarchy stance among a section of its fanbase.

Both sets of players wore black armbands as a mark of respect to Queen Elizabeth II. However, European football's governing body Uefa had ruled there would be no minute's silence ahead of the game.

Comment

Free country? I was arrested for criticising Charles III

Police used their vague grasp of law to stop me exercising my legitimate right to protest. By **Symon Hill**

One moment I was at the back of a crowd as the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire declared Charles III to be our "only lawful and rightful liege lord" and five minutes later I was handcuffed and in the back of a police van.

I had not organised a protest. I had been at church on Sunday morning, and was navigating my walk home. When the sheriff began his proclamation, there were a few hundred people between him and me. I listened in silence as he read out expressions of grief for Elizabeth II. I would never interrupt an act of mourning.

Then the sheriff declared Charles to be our "liege lord". I cannot stomach the idea that we should passively accept the declaration of a new head of state with no say in the matter. I called out, "Who elected him?" Two or three people nearby

exercised their own free speech by telling me to shut up.

The sheriff declared that we owe Charles "obedience with humble affection". Three security guards appeared and pushed me backwards. Then police grabbed me and led me down the street. Amidst the noise, I could not hear their garbled statement giving grounds for my arrest. Two people intervened, asking police what they were doing. "I don't agree with him but he's got a right to free speech," said one of them.

After I declined to be interviewed without a lawyer, I was "de-arrested" and told I would be contacted and could be charged. Only then did they confirm I had been arrested under the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. Later the police told journalists I was arrested under the Public Order Act 1986. I haven't heard anything since, although



police keep telling journalists that I'm "co-operating voluntarily".

I am not naive enough to imagine that dodgy police behaviour is anything new. Most unfair arrests receive far less attention and some of their victims have far less chance to speak out about it. Recent arrests of republicans make me worried that we are headed for a dangerous place in which monarchy and vaguely worded laws are used to suppress the slightest expression of dissent.

I did not interrupt an act of mourning but objected to a new head of state being imposed. Some say it was the wrong "time and place". What's a more suitable time to object to a new king than the moment at which his appointment is proclaimed?

We must assert our right to protest against royalty. That's why, despite my nervousness about police reactions, I will join others to protest at Charles' coronation, an anachronistic ceremony that reduces us to feudal-style subjects. I'll see you there – opposite the 200th copper from the left.

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Comment

The royals protect our democracy

A monarchy and a republic are not too distinct – and we strike a balance between the two. By **Dr Sean Lang**



The underlying assumption is that monarchy and republicanism are distinct from each other, but they aren't actually that different – and in fact the monarchy can often be a key protector of our freedoms.

There are 43 sovereign monarchies in the 21st-century world, covering every continent, and they include such impeccably liberal democratic states as Belgium, Norway, Sweden, the Netherlands and Japan.

Monarchy does not have to be based on heredity; it can be based on election. Historically, Poland, the Scandinavian kingdoms and the Holy Roman Empire all elected their monarchs and since 1688 succession to the British throne has lain firmly in Parliament's hands.

Some republics have actually returned to monarchy in order to guarantee liberty. Seventeenth-century England restored the monarchy when Oliver Cromwell's

Protectorate became a military dictatorship; revolutionary and 19th-century France repeatedly turned to monarchy, while General de Gaulle's price for returning to government in 1958 was a new constitution giving quasi-royal authority to the president. Most remarkable of all was the return of monarchy in Spain.

It was the young King Juan Carlos who, to foil an attempted military coup in 1981, went on television and ordered all army personnel, as their king, to uphold the law and the constitution.

Many modern republics have, in effect, developed into monarchies: how else can one describe the sycophantic courts that surrounded Hitler and Stalin? What else is Putin but a monarch, with complete power and terrified courtiers?

Republics can be dynastic, look at the way North Korea has become the fiefdom of the Kim dynasty, or the hold of the Duvaliers on Haiti, of Juan and Eva Perón on Argentina, or the Marcos family on the Philippines.

The public only becomes unhappy with monarchy when they can't see it. During Queen Victoria's long period of seclusion after the death of Prince Albert, there was a resurgence of republican sentiment, but it soon died away when she returned to public life. It was a lesson Elizabeth II understood, with her famous comment that she needed "to be seen to be believed".

Under its constitutional monarchy, Britain has become a fully-functional democracy, a sort of "royal republic". The Queen was able to use her position above party politics to ease political tensions and to heal some of the pains of the past. Her famous state visit to Ireland in 2011 was all the more triumphant because its success simply could not have been predicted.

The republican riposte is usually that all these things can be done just as well by an elected head of state; perhaps they can, though it is hard to find examples.

But as long as the monarchy enjoys the strong support of the British people, the democratic argument is for monarchy, not for a republic.

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TRADE

Let's not forget the economic case for the Commonwealth

The multitude of pictures over the past few days of Queen Elizabeth II travelling around the Commonwealth have reminded us all just how important that institution was to her.

But hardly anyone has focused on just how the Commonwealth countries, taken as a group, are becoming more important to the world economy than at any stage in the past, and will almost certainly become more so in the future.

Instead, the stories have been about the push-back against the role of the monarch as head of state of some members, the possibility that the institution might be less secure under King Charles III, and protests about the colonial background to it.

For example, in March there were a lot of negative stories about the visit to the Caribbean of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. There were, however, hardly any reports in June that two new countries had been added to the Commonwealth membership. They are Togo and Gabon, neither of which had any colonial links with the UK, but who have chosen to join the club.

They join Mozambique and Rwanda, two other countries which were not part of the British Empire, which joined in 1995 and 2009 respectively. There is another clutch of nations with a total population of 40 million currently seeking membership. Indeed, for all the debate about the Commonwealth breaking up, there is only one member that has left and not rejoined or applied to rejoin, and that is the Republic of Ireland.

This focus on the past is a shame because the future economic story is really positive. The growing importance of the Commonwealth's member countries is partly driven by a shift in the balance of the world's population towards Africa and the Indian sub-continent.

Africa is the fastest-growing continent, both in population and economic size, the latter albeit from a low base. The two largest economies in sub-Saharan Africa, Nigeria and South Africa, are both in the Commonwealth. India is on some counts the world's fastest-growing large economy, and last year may have passed the UK to become the world's fifth-largest economy. It looks, too, as though India has passed China to become the world's most populous country, and if it hasn't already it soon will.

Population is obviously one of the key drivers of growth, but there are others. Perhaps the most important of these is the ability to adopt and adapt new technologies. This is sometimes disparagingly called "catch-up growth", but that is what

This huge and diverse group of nations is brilliantly adaptable, argues **Hamish McRae**



has really driven the extraordinary development of China over the past 40 years, especially in the early stages of its take-off.

That is now thrusting India, and to a lesser extent the rest of the sub-continent, towards being able to give a middle-class lifestyle to the majority of its people.

India's progress is remarkable. During the years of the Raj, I am afraid that its gross domestic product per head actually fell, one of the troubling aspects of the colonial



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period. Growth was most uneven in the early years of independence, but recently it has taken off.

We are very aware of this in the UK, seeing the way that Tata has rescued Jaguar and Land-Rover, but we are perhaps less aware that the Serum Institute in Pune is the world's largest producer of vaccines. It is unsurprising that the UK should be currently negotiating a trade agreement with India.

Africa's progress will be even more bumpy. The great challenge for the world's most youthful continent is to create jobs for all of those people. The median age in Nigeria is 18 and its population is projected to double to 400 million by 2050. But with even a reasonable degree of successful development, the Nigerian economy, already Africa's largest, will become much larger over the next generation.

The role of the Commonwealth in all this? I suggest that its strength is its adaptability. It is such a huge, diverse organisation, encompassing 2.5 billion people, nearly one-third of the world's people, in countries of utterly different sizes and societies, that it would be ridiculous to try and chart some plan as to how it might develop.

There is no central mind, no political objective such as that of the European Union to create "an ever closer union". Indeed, it is exactly the opposite of the EU, a group of countries linked by history and culture rather than physical proximity. It does not try to do very much and imposes hardly any obligations on members. This lack of ambition will, I rather expect, make it more durable than the EU.

So the UK should not think of the Commonwealth as some sort of substitute for EU membership. That would be silly. In any case two Commonwealth countries, Cyprus and Malta, are EU members. We should think of it as something that is useful to the world, linking countries rich and poor and large and small – and something that can be made more useful.

It can be a base to build trading relationships even without formal deals. It can be an intermediary between countries that don't get along with each other (and there are quite a few of those). It can do more in education and in transfer of intellectual property. Because there is no central direction, it can respond instantly to market signals of what it might be able to do – where it can help.

So in another 20 or more years' time I expect there will still be a Commonwealth Games, still visited by royalty, still an organisation that tries to benefit all of its members, and that in a modest way tries to enrich us all.



SOCIETY

In the Caribbean, King will accelerate shift to republics

The royals' refusal to fully apologise for slavery will lead to new protests. By **Taz Ali**

For Arley Gill, a lawyer in Grenada, the only difference he's noticed since death of his country's head of state is the switch from Queen's Counsel to King's Counsel in court. Like many of the 113,000 population, Mr Gill does not know if Grenada is in a period of national mourning as some other Caribbean states are.

"Nobody is mourning, frankly," said Mr Gill, who is also chairman of Grenada's National Reparations Committee.

"There are no people walking around with this air of sadness. The

national flag is flown at half mast, but that's about it."

This indifference can be felt across the Caribbean, where debates around republicanism have reigned in some Commonwealth realms. As well as the UK, King Charles is head of state for 14 countries in the Commonwealth, including eight in the Caribbean.

The Royal Family has made numerous visits to the region, but this year they were met with protests and calls for reparations over the British monarch's past links to slavery and colonialism.

A day after King Charles



Tributes from the tropics

Messages from kindergarten students were left with flowers outside Victoria House, the British High Commission in Suva, yesterday to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II, who was Queen of Fiji until 1987 when the South Pacific island nation became a republic.

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ascended the throne, Antigua and Barbuda announced it will call for a referendum on becoming a republic within three years.

It follows a trend in the Caribbean in which Barbados became the world's newest republic last year, 43 years after Dominica. Guyana became a republic in 1970, followed by Trinidad and Tobago in 1976.

While Jamaica has indicated it would do the same, Grenada said it has "no immediate plans to change its constitutional status".

But Tahira Carter, press secretary in the Prime Minister's Office in Grenada, said: "The move to become a republic is a natural progression that the country may pursue in the future."

Mr Gill is optimistic the newly elected government "will come around" to the idea of republicanism.

"There is an appetite to get rid of King Charles and to complete our independence," he said.

Describing how "ridiculous" it was for King Charles to be Grenada's head of state, Mr Gill said Grenadians not only felt a

disconnect with the Royal Family but also with the UK.

"The Caribbean Commonwealth countries get far more assistance from China and Taiwan," he added.

Meanwhile in Jamaica, the minister of legal and constitutional affairs Marlene Malahoo Forte announced in June that the country will transition to a republic by 2025.

Rosalea Hamilton, director of the Institute of Law and Economics in Kingston, questioned the seriousness of the plans, pointing to the contradictory way it has responded to the Queen's death



Protests dominated the royal visit in Kingston, Jamaica, earlier this year

by calling a 12-day national mourning period.

Dr Hamilton argues the Jamaican people are ready for it amid growing discontent with the royals. "They are upset with the fact that during her entire reign she [the Queen] was silent about the atrocities of colonialism," Dr Hamilton said.

"People are talking about how it's unacceptable that they can benefit from the blood of our ancestors."

People are also shrugging their shoulders at King Charles's ascension. "I heard Jamaicans say they would have preferred Harry on the throne," Dr Hamilton laughed, adding that the Duke and Duchess of Sussex have piqued interest, mainly due to her African heritage.

Campaigners have vowed to protest even louder if members of the Royal Family decide to visit Jamaica again.

Maziki Thame, a lecturer in development studies at the University of the West Indies, said: "There will definitely be protests. If they travel they will be giving us an opportunity to express our discontent."

COMMONWEALTH

Zimbabwe keen to rejoin the club - but no easy route back

President wants British Government to support his return. By **Reagan Mashavave**

Students in light blue dresses and navy blue blazers walk briskly through the gate at Queen Elizabeth Girls High School in Harare, Zimbabwe's capital, to attend lessons that start at 8am. In the city's central business district, however, the Queen Elizabeth Hotel is up for sale, as recently announced by the owners.

The local landmarks named for the monarch are concrete representations of the ties linking Zimbabwe, a former British colony, to the United Kingdom.

The African country occupies a unique place in Commonwealth history as the only nation to have been suspended and then to have withdrawn from the 54-nation bloc, which it is now seeking to rejoin.

The Queen's death has highlighted divisions between those who have offered sympathy and lament the time spent outside the organisation, and those who are more indifferent – or openly hostile – about the legacy of British colonialism in Africa.

Initially known as Rhodesia – after Cecil John Rhodes, who led the colonisation of the country in 1890 – Zimbabwe gained independence from Britain in 1980 after a war of liberation.

In the early 2000s, relations between Britain and Zimbabwe under the late president Robert Mugabe plummeted.

A violent, disputed 2002 presidential poll resulted in Mugabe facing criticism from the West and the country being suspended from the Commonwealth in March 2002. In December 2003, Mr Mugabe quit the bloc in protest after it resolved to extend sanctions against his regime.

President Emmerson Mnangagwa's government is now lobbying to rejoin, but experts are yet to be convinced of its case. In the wake of the Queen's death, Mr Mnangagwa (*inset*)

took to Twitter to express his "deepest condolences" to the Royal Family, the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

The man who became leader after the 2017 military coup that removed Mugabe is eager to mend relations and be readmitted.

"For Zimbabwe to flourish, we cannot let history hold us back," Mr Mnangagwa said recently.

David Coltart, an opposition MP and founding member of the Movement for Democratic Change party, said it is a "deep regret" that Zimbabwe did not benefit from the Queen's leadership in the past two decades.

He also accused the ruling Zimbabwe African National Unity – Patriotic Front (Zanu-PF) of making a "very poor decision" in having withdrawn.

"Most Zimbabweans, I have no doubt, would have preferred to have remained in the Commonwealth," he said.

For others, the case is not so clear-cut. Hopewell Chin'ono, a journalist and government critic, said British colonial history in Africa is complicated.

"The British monarch supervised colonialism, but unlike African dictators, the looting benefited British people," he said. "African dictators leave their citizens suffering."

Queen Elizabeth is said to have had "fond memories" of Zimbabwe and visited as princess in 1947. She returned in 1991 when Harare hosted the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting.

But in recent years the country has moved towards replacing colonial-era monuments and statues, in line with other former British colonies around the world.

Last year, Zimbabwe unveiled a statue of Mbuya Nehanda, a great Shona spirit medium who was hanged by white settlers in 1898 for leading an anti-colonial war.



Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret in Salisbury, Rhodesia, in 1947 UNIVERSAL

SCIENCE

What grief does to those left behind

Losing a spouse has a physical impact as well as a psychological effect. Report by **Anjana Ahuja**

The late Queen Elizabeth II spent the last 16 months of her life mourning the loss of Prince Philip, her beloved consort of 73 years whom she called her “strength and stay”. The sovereign’s sorrow reminded me of my mother’s grief at losing my father, her husband and chief

tea-maker for 52 years. Mum has not drunk a drop of tea in the two years since.

The death of a spouse is not merely a psychological trauma: evidence suggests it can measurably harm the physical health of the surviving partner. While it is never possible to determine the exact role that

bereavement plays in the long-term health of a specific individual, large-scale studies point to a phenomenon called the “widowhood effect”, in which the risk of a person dying rises after their spouse passes away.

The findings form part of an emerging field of research called psychoneuroimmunology, focused on how psychological distress can trigger physical changes. That the sorrow of parting can leave its calling card in our bodies suggests that mental and physical health are more closely connected than many of us believe.

“We know that grief affects health in general and that the widowhood effect is real,” asserts Mary-Frances O’Connor, who leads the Grief, Loss and Social Stress (Glass) Laboratory at the University of Arizona, and is author of *The Grieving Brain*. The phenomenon tends to affect men more than women, she explains, and the risk is highest immediately following bereavement. Widowed men are twice as likely to die as their married peers in the six months following their partner’s death.

The trauma can potentially exert a modest but malign influence on health for longer (estimates, she points out, range from no effect to an increased mortality rate of 5-7 per cent a year after bereavement). “Many [bereaved partners] lose weight, they become more frail and more susceptible to illness... Immune function can decrease and blood pressure can increase,” O’Connor explains. “Even if it’s a small increase, it’s still happening on an older system.” That pushes up the chance of a heart attack and stroke. Widowed older people also show higher rates of sepsis, pneumonia and flu.

A 2006 study by Anna Whittaker, now professor of behavioural medicine at Stirling University, found that bereavement in the year prior to flu vaccination was associated more strongly with a low antibody response than a person’s level of social support. Those with the most severe grief symptoms, including depression, tend to suffer the most marked effects. It is the loss of a meaningful attachment that matters: there is no clear evidence, she says, on whether a longer marriage spells deeper grief, “but we do know that losing an ex-spouse is not as impactful as losing a current spouse”.

A malfunctioning immune system, then, is a key link between saddened mind and weakened body. Grieving spouses show higher than normal levels of cytokines, proteins that are marshalled in response to inflammation. Raised levels of the stress hormone cortisol may be the cause, with knock-on effects throughout the body. Bereaved partners have also often lost the person who reminded them to take their pills or attend medical check-ups, adding neglect to the factors that can subtly influence mortality (women tend to take the lead on family healthcare, which could partly explain the higher risk for bereaved men).

Consistent, quantitative findings on the link between bereavement and ill health, accumulating since the 1990s, have transformed the image of psychoneuroimmunology from a fringe discipline to one capable of offering genuine scientific insight into the complex link between mind and body. Importantly, the fledgling science

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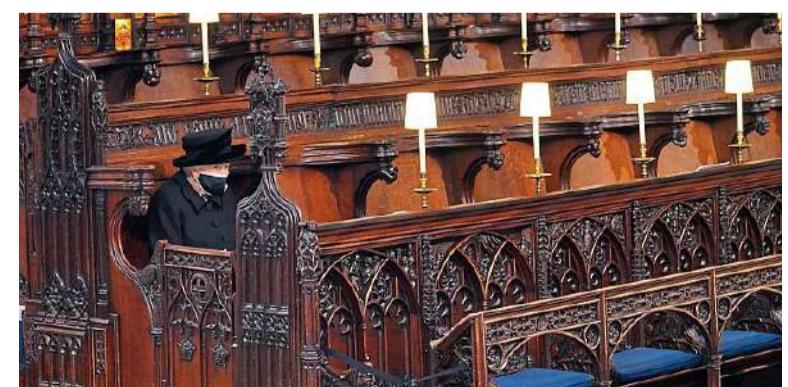
can shape practical guidance for those left behind.

Recognising the heightened risk should prompt vigilance: high blood pressure, for example, is easy to detect and treat. Relaxing activities, such as walking or yoga, offer the body a break from the physical burden of mourning. In addition, having multiple identities, whether as a work colleague, volunteer or parishioner, seems to help cushion the loss of marital identity.

As for “grief-adjacent” children like me, O’Connor advises, we can soften a parent’s loneliness but should recognise that their yearning for a vanished soulmate will linger. Being understanding and supportive matters, for however long it takes for the bereaved to adjust to their new reality.

I think it’s time I stopped asking my mum whether she has had a cup of tea yet. Instead, I’ll be there to drink it with her whenever she’s ready.

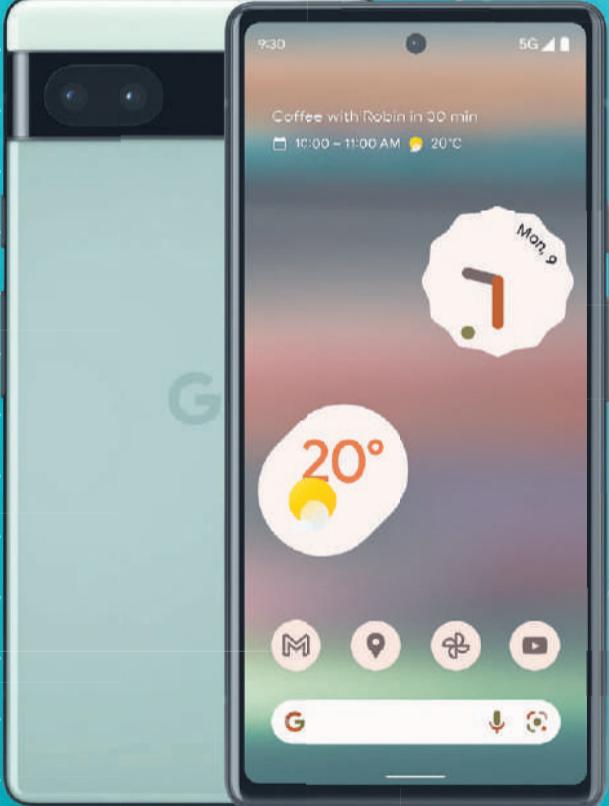
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The Queen sits alone at the funeral of the Duke of Edinburgh, her husband of 72 years, at St George’s Chapel, Windsor, in April 2021 JONATHAN BRADY/AP

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PEOPLE

Queen's last letters - delivered to children after her death

By Ellie Peake

In February, Barak Davison, 13, from London, sent the Queen a letter. He wanted to tell her about his new Instagram account, which promotes the welfare of animals and the climate.

"I know that she loved animals, so I thought she would like it," he says. "He never expected to receive anything back. But a reply did come: one day after the Queen's death."

"I was sad that the Queen had died and I had completely forgotten about my letter," Barak says. "But then on Friday, I saw a letter had arrived from Buckingham Palace."

"I was just so excited and shocked. Even when she was ill, she took the time to respond to me and respond in detail. It wasn't just a quick letter."

The letter was dated 2 September – six days before the Queen's death. In it, the Queen's head of private office, Victoria Turke, thanked Barak for his letter, adding: "The Queen was encouraged to know of your interest in protecting our planet."

"Her reply has given me a bit more motivation for my page," Barak says. "I'm going to keep going with it."

Along with the thousands of birthday and wedding anniversary cards sent on behalf of the Queen each year, many people also received responses to items they had sent in.

To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in June, teacher Abbie Hegerty, 24, and her Year 6 class at Netherton Moss Primary School in Liverpool decided to write to the Queen.

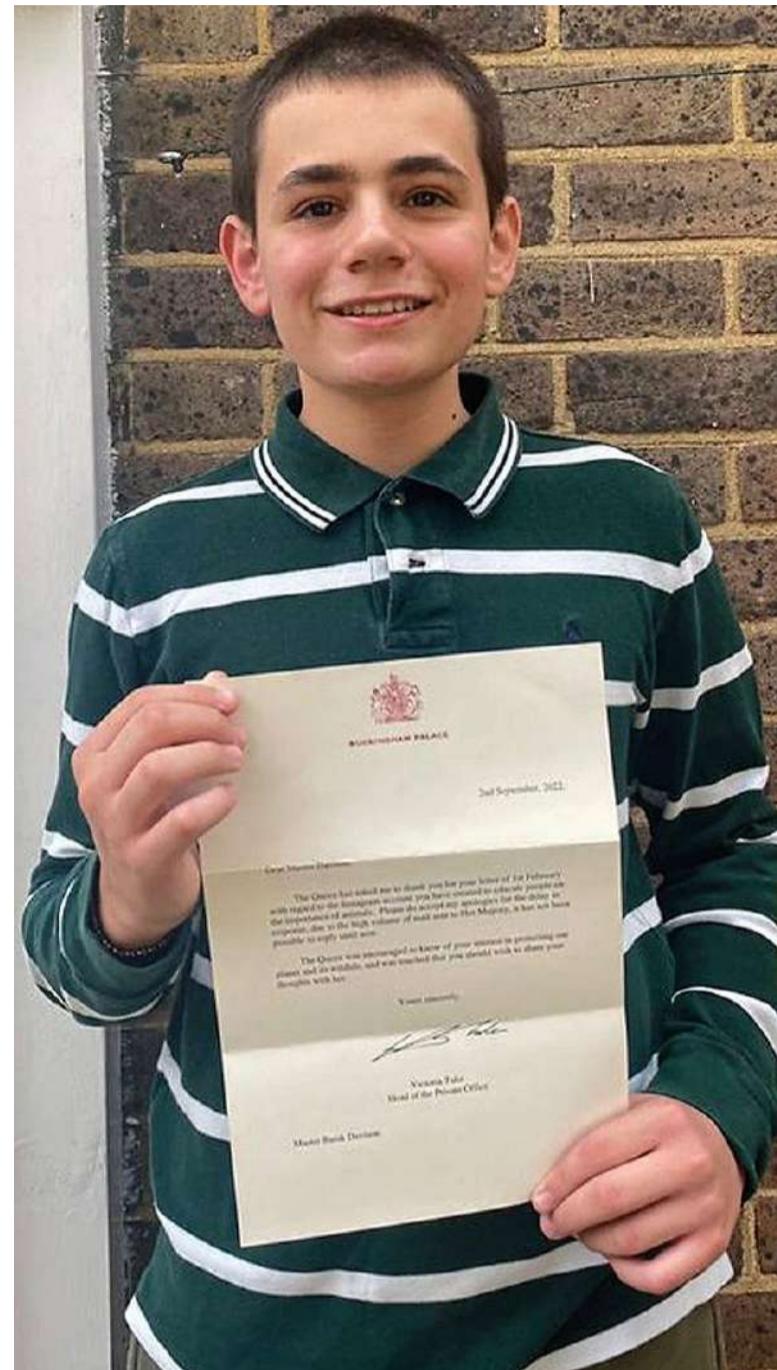
"We just were telling her how

proud we were of her 70 years on the throne and who the kids were in the class," she says. "So many kids were like: 'Why bother? She won't reply!'"

But, as Ms Hegerty began the new school term, she noticed that a letter had arrived from Balmoral. "We got a thank you card from the Queen herself and then a letter from her lady-in-waiting," she says.

Her class had already left for secondary school, but Ms Hegerty got the word out. "The kids were so excited when I told them," she says.

Two days later, the Queen's death was announced. "The news was obviously very sad, but it just makes that letter even more special and even more rare," says Ms Hegerty, who now has it framed outside her classroom.



Barak Davison with his letter from the Queen's office, after he posted her a message about his Instagram account promoting animal welfare (top left)

Comment

A leaky pen would test most people dealing with 'sadmin'

Jane Merrick
POLICY EDITOR

aide, during his signing of the Proclamation of his succession to the throne, to remove a pen tray that was in the way.

But if it is a pattern, so what? In case anyone needs reminding, the King was five days into mourning his mother when "Pengate" happened.

While anyone recently bereaved has "sadmin" to deal with – funeral arrangements and dealing with their loved one's financial affairs – the King's own "sadmin" has been on a huge and public scale: recording a televised address to the nation, attending the Privy Council to sign the proclamation of his succession, touring each nation of the UK, meeting the Prime Minister, Cabinet and opposition leaders, walkabouts with the public, standing vigil at his mother's coffin at St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh, following his mother's cortège up the Royal

Mile and, yesterday, down the Mall to Westminster Hall.

Is it any wonder that a leaking pen might have triggered a moment of frustration?



King Charles III with Camilla, the Queen Consort, and that leaking pen

of tetchiness. The response from some has been to compare the King's apparently short fuse with the Queen, who was forever calm and mostly good humoured.

In following the longest-reigning monarch, adored by millions around the world, King Charles has the toughest act to follow.

While she never let slip anything she did not want to, King Charles does not have a poker face. They are different people. We should accept that.

King Charles should be judged on how he behaves as monarch – whether he lives up to his pledge not to interfere in politics, or how his staff at Clarence House, informed that they are to be made redundant as he moves to Buckingham Palace, are treated – rather than whether he can keep his composure around stationery. There's no good crying over the King's spilt ink.

ECONOMY

Energy rescue package for UK businesses to be revealed next week

By Hugo Gye
POLITICAL EDITOR

Businesses will be told next week how their energy bills will be discounted, the Government confirmed following fears firms could face devastating bills this autumn.

Corporate leaders have warned many businesses may fold entirely if they are not given urgent clarity.

Last week, Liz Truss promised that businesses would be given support for their energy bills equivalent to that provided for households, which are having costs frozen a little above their current levels for two years.

But no details have been made public even as some firms report being asked to pay bills up to 10 times higher than usual.

Following reports that support may not be available until November, the Government is speeding up the announcement of how the package will work.

A Downing Street spokesman said: "We will confirm further details

of the business support scheme next week. The scheme will support businesses with their October energy bills and that includes through backdating if necessary.

"It may come in parallel with the household support scheme. If there is a delay of weeks we will backdate it to cover October energy bills so that businesses don't miss out. We're speaking to energy companies and businesses and representative organisations to provide them with reassurance."

Next week's announcement, likely to be some time between Wednesday and Friday, will be separate from the

{i} Businesses do not benefit from the existing price cap applied to households, and rising energy costs for companies have helped drive up general inflation, currently running at 9.9 per cent.

planned fiscal statement by Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng and is set to be led by Jacob Rees-Mogg (inset), the new Business Secretary.

Karen Betts of the Food and Drink Foundation said: "The support the Prime Minister announced to help households and businesses deal with soaring energy bills is very welcome.

"However, our sector urgently needs a more detailed conversation with the UK government on the scope of the business energy support scheme. The resilience of the food and drink supply chain has been eroded by successive crises, and real fragilities are now being exposed by soaring inflation."

Alex Veitch of the British Chambers of Commerce added: "There is a limit to how long any firm can sustain these rising costs before something has to give.

"We know from our research that two thirds of businesses plan to increase their own prices."



Ursula von der Leyen said the EU's energy market was no longer working
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ECONOMY

Milk and cheese push food inflation to a 14-year high

By Joe Duggan

Inflation rose by 9.9 per cent in the 12 months to August 2022, down from 10.1 per cent in July, but still close to a 40-year high.

Figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) showed that the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) fell below 10 per cent last month as fuel prices begin to

tumble. It comes as the UK faces a cost of living crisis, with fuel, food and energy prices soaring for months and July's hike to 10.1 per cent pushing inflation to its highest since 1982.

Economists polled by Reuters had forecast that today's inflation rate would rise to 10.2 per cent, while other experts had expected the figure

to be unchanged between the two months.

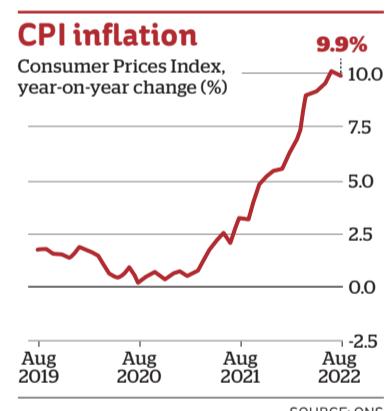
The lower price of fuel was the main reason for the fall in the annual rate of inflation, the ONS said.

Petrol and diesel prices, sparked by the war in Ukraine, have been soaring this year, but petrol prices fell by 14.3p per litre between July and August, with

diesel prices also falling. But the rise in food prices has been the main reason for the overall figure remaining high, with inflation in food and non-alcoholic drinks now 13.1 per cent.

Rises in the prices of milk, cheese and eggs were the biggest drivers of the increase.

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EUROPE

EU targets €140bn from windfall taxes to ease power crunch

By Lorne Cook
and Samuel Petrequin
IN BRUSSELS

The president of the European Commission unveiled a plan yesterday to cap the revenues of electricity producers that are making extraordinary profits because of the effects of Russia's war in Ukraine and climate change.

Ursula von der Leyen said the idea could raise €140bn (£12bn) to help people hit by spiralling energy prices.

It is one of several ideas aimed at containing an energy crisis in Europe that could lead to rolling blackouts, shuttered factories and a deep recession this winter. Others include slashing energy use and reforming the electricity market, which all need approval by the 27 EU countries.

As the bloc supports Ukraine, Russia has reduced or cut off gas to 13 member nations, sending up gas and electricity prices that are expected to go higher as demand peaks

during the cold months. Europe has also been hit by a drought that experts say is the worst for 500 years.

Prices for natural gas – which is used to power industry, heat homes and generate electricity – are now 10 times higher in the EU than before Covid-19 took hold in 2020.

"Russia keeps actively manipulating our energy market," Ms von der Leyen told EU lawmakers in Strasbourg. "So, this market is not functioning anymore."

Individual countries have passed subsidies, tax cuts and other relief for households and businesses as high energy prices drive up inflation.

But with economies still recovering from the pandemic, money must be found outside national budgets to provide more help to millions struggling to pay their electricity bills.

That is why the commission wants to tap the profits of power producers using oil, gas and coal as well as renewables and nuclear power. It estimates that some companies are making five times their usual profits.

"These companies are making revenues they never accounted for, they never even dreamt of," she said.

"In these times, it is wrong to receive extraordinary record revenues and profits benefiting from war and on the back of consumers." AP

€140bn

The amount that Ursula von der Leyen believes a cap on energy companies' profits could raise

POLICY

Truss set to drop Johnson's landmark Energy Bill

Exclusive

By Paul Waugh and Hugo Gye

The Government's Energy Bill is set to be paused or ditched completely as Liz Truss focuses on capping customers' bills and reforming the UK's electricity market, **i** has been told.

The Business Secretary Jacob Rees-Mogg told officials on Monday that he planned to effectively put on hold the Energy Bill currently going through the House of Lords, multiple sources said.

The legislation, part of Boris Johnson's last Queen's Speech, would have overhauled everything from carbon dioxide transport to carbon capture and nuclear power production.

But the Bill, which is still at an early stage of its parliamentary process, now faces being scrapped or dramatically reworked after Downing Street stressed the Prime Minister wanted to prioritise capped bills and urgent reform of electricity markets.

No 10 is understood to be pushing for two big reforms. First, decoupling electricity prices from the global gas price – not least as renewable energy is now nine times cheaper than gas. Secondly, introducing "locational pricing" to incentivise the private sector to build extra capacity, a change that would boost wind and solar power.

Locational pricing encourages investment in renewable energy by allowing areas with significant levels of renewable energy production, such as Scotland, to purchase energy at cheaper rates.

When he was business secretary, the Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng launched a consultation on both changes in July but the process could be fast-tracked.

Mr Rees-Mogg surprised some industry sources last week when he signalled in a meeting that he wanted renewable energy rolled out at speed. One government insider said: "He wants to go full throttle on the best prospects for renewable..."

Offshore wind will be the biggest focus but supply needs to be increased everywhere."

Abandoning parts of the Energy Bill could mean ditching a landmark reform the creation of the "future systems operator" arm of the National Grid that Mr Johnson (*inset*) hoped would secure renewable energy

to hit the UK target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Other pieces of legislation promised this year by the previous prime minister which now look set to be scrapped or heavily delayed include the Online Safety Bill and the Bill of Rights.

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EXPLAINER

Electrical storm for ministers struggling to help firms

By Camilla Canocchi

The Government faces a headache in finding a way to limit energy price rises for businesses when it unveils details of its support package next week.

The complexity of business energy contracts is likely to make it very difficult for the Government, experts warned.

Baroness Ros Altman (*inset*), the former pensions minister, meanwhile claimed that the Government will be wary of repeating past mistakes.

"Huge amounts of taxpayer money have been wasted in the past couple of years and there must be better control of the spending," she said.

Ministers are said to be looking to cap price increases by subsidising suppliers, which are then expected to pass on the savings.

But businesses, unlike households, are not covered by the energy price cap set by the Ofgem regulator and their energy contracts can usually be fixed for longer – up to five years.

While most domestic deals allow customers to cancel early, sometimes subject to an early exit fee, this is not usually an option for business energy customers.

"Although a fish and chip shop and a car manufacturing

plant both need electricity to function, the way in which they use this power is completely different," said Bionic, a business energy broker.

"This is why there are no 'off-the-shelf' options for businesses, and contracts need to be tailored to meet the needs of each individual business."

"This complexity makes it more difficult to impose one blanket rate across all businesses."

The brokerage also said that any intervention is likely to be "incredibly expensive".

Glass manufacturers have experienced a rise in wholesale energy costs of 700 per cent in the past year, the chief executive of British Glass, Dave Dalton, told MPs last week.

One of Europe's largest glass manufacturers, Encirc, which has a plant in Cheshire, said it would normally spend about £40m a year on energy, but that it expected the figure to rise exponentially as a result of soaring prices.

Tom Gilbey, an equity research analyst at Quilter Cheviot, an investment management firm, believes "it may take some time" for the Government to work out how to distribute support.

"With hope, the support package will go far enough that it will be worth the wait," he said.

the country, without means testing, in October.

It will be paid out to consumers in instalments over six months, with the grants administered through energy suppliers.

The discount will break down into instalments of £66 in October and November, rising to £67 per month from December until March 2023.

It will be provided on a monthly basis, regardless of whether people pay bills monthly or quarterly or

have an associated payment card. The Energy Price Guarantee, capping average bills at £2,500 for the average home, will also be going ahead. This comes into effect on 1 October and will last for two years.

Consumers will be contacted regarding this by the Government but may be by their energy suppliers regarding both schemes.

Households with any concerns are advised to contact their provider directly.

Grace Gausden

No delay? Government still planning to deliver rescue package on 1 October

The Government has confirmed it is continuing to work "at pace" to ensure households receive their energy grants by 1 October, despite the Queen's death.

As the cost of living crisis continues, work will carry on to ensure the Energy Price Guarantee will go ahead as planned while there have been no other reported delays to other grants.

The £400 energy bills grant is being made to every household in



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ART

Lowry football painting could be a game changer

By Richard Wheatstone

One of LS Lowry's most iconic paintings is set to be sold for up to £8m at auction by a football charity recently sanctioned for mismanaging its multimillion-pound income.

Going to the Match, painted by Lowry in 1953, depicts fans streaming towards Bolton Wanderers' former Burnden Park ground, as the tall chimneys of heavy industry spew out smoke in the background.

The Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) paid £1.9m for the artwork in 1999, with then chief executive Gordon Taylor calling it "quite simply the finest football painting ever" and the PFA's "prized possession".

However, the association's charitable arm, the Players Foundation, will now sell the work, which had been on loan at Salford's Lowry arts centre.

It comes after the foundation was issued with an official warning for "mismanagement" by the Charity Commission earlier this month.

The regulator found that there had been a "failure to ensure its assets were being used in the most appropriate way by failing to review its longstanding relationship with, and payments to, a trade union (the PFA)", as well as a "failure to appropriately manage and control £1.9m of charitable funds that had been transferred out of the charity's accounts".

The foundation, which holds assets worth almost £60m, said

£5.6m

The record price paid for a Lowry painting to date. That work was also football related and was sold in 2011



'Going to the Match' was painted in 1953 and shows fans of Bolton Wanderers walking towards the club's Burnden Park stadium CHRISTIE'S IMAGES LTD

it "no longer has any income guaranteed" and was selling the artwork to help "continue to provide, among other things, benevolent grants to those in real financial need, and assist people with dementia".

Christie's, the auction house which will manage the sale on 19 October, gave the artwork an estimate of between £5m to £8m. The current record for a Lowry is the £5.6m paid for *The Football Match* in May 2011.

The auction house said *Going to the Match* was "the largest example from a group of paintings that Lowry made dedicated to the theme of sport in the industrial cities of northern England, which depict the working man at play".

Lowry, who died aged 88 in 1976, is renowned for his paintings of urban landscapes in northern England, often featuring "matchstick people" in the foreground.

HERITAGE

Proposed crazy golf site draws backlash

Plans for a crazy golf course near York's historic city walls should be rejected, planners have said.

York Mini Golf Ltd wants to build a 12-hole course next to the ruins of a medieval hospital and a Roman tower in the city centre.

Over 60 letters of objection have been sent to City of York Council, with one objector describing the plans as "garish". Council planners have recommended refusal.

York Civic Trust said the plan was inappropriate due to its "highly sensitive historic location".

PEOPLE

Youngest footballer sets new record

A 13-year-old boy has become the youngest ever player to appear in a professional senior game.

Christopher Atherton made his debut for Northern Irish side Glenavon on Tuesday night at the age of 13 years and 329 days as his side beat Dollingstown 6-0 in their League Cup first round game at Mourneview Park.

He breaks a 42-year-old record which had been held by Blackpool's Eamon Collins who made his debut aged 14 years and 323 days in 1980.

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UKRAINE

Zelensky watches flag rise over liberated city

By Elena Becatoros and
Hanna Arhirova

Hand on heart, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky watched his country's flag rise yesterday above the recaptured city of Izium, making a rare foray outside the capital while highlighting Moscow's embarrassing retreat from a Ukrainian counteroffensive.

Russian forces left the war-scarred city last week as Kyiv's soldiers pressed an advance that has reclaimed large swaths of territory in Ukraine's north-eastern Kharkiv region.

As Mr Zelensky looked on and sang the national anthem, the Ukrainian flag was raised in front of the burnt-out city hall building. After almost six months under Russian occupation, Izium was left largely devastated, with apartment buildings blackened by fire and pockmarked by artillery strikes.

"The view is very shocking, but it is not shocking for me," Mr Zelensky said in brief comments to journalists, "because we began to see the same pictures from Bucha, from the first de-occupied territories. The same destroyed buildings, killed people."

Bucha is a small city on the outskirts of Kyiv that Russian forces withdrew from in March. In the aftermath, Ukrainian authorities discovered the bodies of hundreds of civilians dumped in streets, yards and mass graves. Many bore signs of torture.

Prosecutors said they so far have

found six bodies with traces of torture in recently retaken Kharkiv region villages. The head of the Kharkiv prosecutor's office, Oleksandr Filchakov, said bodies were found in Hrakove and Zaliznyche, around 35 miles south-east of Kharkiv city.

"We have a terrible picture of what the occupiers did. Such cities as Balakliia, Izium, are standing in the same row as Bucha, Borodyanka, Irpin," said the Ukrainian Prosecutor General Andriy Kostin, listing the names of places where the Ukrainians have alleged Russian forces committed atrocities.

Local authorities have made similar claims in other areas previously held by Russia, but it was not immediately possible to verify their information. They have not yet provided evidence of potential atrocities on the scale described in Bucha, where the number and conditions of civilian casualties prompted demands for Russian officials to face war crime charges.

Moscow's recent rout in north-east Ukraine was its largest military defeat since the withdrawal from areas around Kyiv. On the outskirts of Izium, the remains of Russian tanks and vehicles lay shattered.

{i} US President Joe Biden observed yesterday that Ukrainian forces have made "significant progress" in recent days but said: "I think it's going to be a long haul."



President Zelensky sings the national anthem in newly recaptured Izium
REUTERS

AFTERMATH

Villages emerge with the scars of occupation

By Elena Becatoros

Devastated Ukrainian villages and towns have begun to emerge from Russian occupation following a counter-offensive that has sent Russian troops scattering, leaving equipment, food rations and army uniforms in their wake.

In the village of Hrakove, south-east of Ukraine's second largest city, Kharkiv, houses and shops lie in ruins, its school is a bombed-out hull. The church is scarred by shells, but

the golden dome above its blasted belfry still gleams in the fading autumn light.

Only about 30 people remain, according to resident Anatolii Klyzhen. About 1,000 people lived here when Russian troops occupied it. Those forces abandoned Hrakove on Friday as Ukrainian soldiers advanced in a lightning-speed operation.

There were no signs the Russian soldiers were about to leave. "Nobody knew anything. They left very quietly," said Viacheslav Myronenko,

71, who has lived in the basement of his bombed-out apartment building for more than four months.

The detritus of a fleeing army litters the village: packs of empty Russian army food rations, abandoned crates with instructions for using grenades, a gas mask on a tree, an army jacket trampled into the mud.

Just outside the village by the bus stop, a Russian tank lies rusting on a road pockmarked with craters from shells, its turret and cannon blown off its body. AP

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RUSSIA

Public Putin critic 'not fearful of punishment'

By Taz Ali

A Russian politician who questioned Russia's strategy in Ukraine on television said he does not fear punishment for speaking out, despite the Kremlin warning it would punish people who "discredit" the army.

The former state Duma deputy Boris Nadezhdin said the Russian President Vladimir Putin was misled by intelligence services that apparently told him the resistance in Ukraine would be ineffective.

"We have to understand that it's absolutely impossible to defeat Ukraine using these resources and colonial war methods," he said on state-controlled television channel NTV on Sunday.

His comments came after Russian forces retreated from much of Ukraine's eastern Kharkiv region.

Mr Nadezhin has since defended his words and has also called for the fighting to end and negotiations to begin. But he said issues such as the status of the separatist regions in Ukraine and of Crimea would be far more difficult.

"Negotiations on these issues? They are now absolutely unrealistic, because there is a position like this: 'No, we will defeat you,'" he said.

The Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Tuesday that critical points of view were tolerated, as long as they were within the limits of the law.

Mr Nadezhin insisted he spoke the truth. "I have definitely not violated any Russian laws," he said. "There was a statement of absolutely obvious facts."

Elsewhere, seven members of a local council in St Petersburg called on the Russian parliament to bring treason charges against Mr Putin last week because of the Ukraine conflict. Five of them have been charged with discrediting the army.

A local council in Moscow passed a resolution last week calling on Mr Putin (*inset*) to resign.

Thousands of legal cases have been launched against people accused of discrediting the Russian army, usually leading to fines for first-time offences.



CHINA

Xi swerves sanction talk ahead of summit meeting

By Joe McDonald

Chinese leader Xi Jinping arrived in Kazakhstan yesterday, as he kept the West guessing about whether Beijing will co-operate with tougher sanctions on Russia.

He is due to meet President Vladimir Putin today, seven months after declaring they had a "no limits" friendship.

Wearing a blue suit and a face mask, Mr Xi was met on the airport tarmac by President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev and an honour guard, all of whom wore masks.

It is Mr Xi's first foreign trip since the outbreak of Covid-19.

After his visit to Kazakhstan, Mr Xi flew to Samarkand in neighbour-



Xi Jinping (right) with Kazakhstan's President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev at the Ak Orda Presidential Palace in Nur-Sultan yesterday YIN BOGU/XINHUA/AP

DIPLOMACY

Taiwan aims to learn tech lessons

By Yimou Lee and Ben Blanchard

Taiwan is looking at Ukraine's ways of communicating its message to the outside world at a time of conflict, by making use of tools such as satellites and deploying humour, the digital minister said yesterday.

China's war games and blockade drills around Taiwan last month, following a visit to Taipei by US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, have heightened concerns on the island about the prospect of an attack by its neighbour.

"We look at the experience of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February. We found that the whole world can

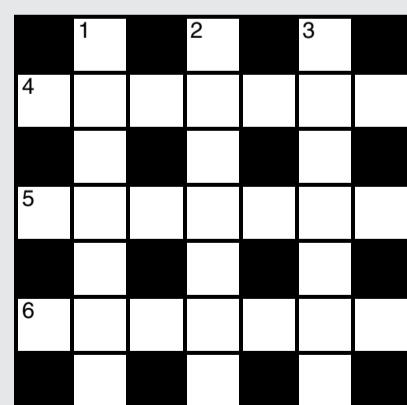
know what is happening there in real time," Audrey Tang, head of Taiwan's new digital affairs ministry said.

Ukraine had effectively conveyed its message to the world, said Ms Tang, adding that keeping up high-quality communication in real time was critical to its effort.

"It's not only for our own people, but also for the people who care about us all over the world, so that we can enlist the assistance of international friends."

Ms Tang helped craft Taiwan's public messaging for the Covid-19 pandemic, using memes and humour to fight disinformation it had accused China of spreading.

The Five-Clue Cryptic Crossword No 3685



Solution, page 49

Across

4/5 A source of power, but the Military is wrong (7,7)

6 Large wave right in drinking vessel (7)

Down

1 Leroy regularly supporting Rhode Island and Virginia in competition (7)

2 French country house providing cat water locally? (7)

3 Mercy for 25 cents (7)

News in brief

AUSTRALIA

Legal row over embassy expulsion

Russia's embassy in Australia has confirmed it will move forward with legal action over a decision to expel the country from the site of its new embassy in Canberra.

It comes after the National Capital Authority announced it would terminate the Russian government's lease on a block of land where it was set to build a new embassy, ordering the site cleared in 20 days.

Russia has called the decision "unprecedented and highly unwelcome" and said it would continue to proceed with legal action, though it did not elaborate on the details.

INTELLIGENCE

Russia 'planned more covert cash'

Russia covertly spent more than \$300m (£259m) since 2014 to try to influence politicians and other officials in more than two dozen countries, US officials alleged.

The US State Department's allegation is based on a declassified intelligence assessment revealed on Tuesday.

It does not name specific Russian targets but intelligence officials believe Russia planned to transfer "at least hundreds of millions more" dollars in funding to sympathetic parties and officials around the world.

Russia has not publicly commented on the issue. AP



NATO

Putin snubbed envoy's message

Russian President Vladimir Putin's chief envoy on Ukraine told the leader as the war began that he had struck a provisional deal with Kyiv that would satisfy Russia's demand that Ukraine stay out of Nato.

But Mr Putin rejected it and pressed ahead with his military campaign, according to three people close to the Russian leadership. The Ukrainian-born envoy, Dmitry Kozak (*above*), told Mr Putin he believed the deal removed the need for Russia to pursue a large-scale occupation of Ukraine. Mr Putin had asserted prior to the war that Nato was creeping closer to Russia's borders.

ENERGY

How European nations are preparing for winter

Gas shortage will present different levels of difficulties in the largest countries, writes **Leo Cendrowicz**

No one in Brussels or the other European Union capitals is in any doubt about the challenge this winter. As gas shortages force rationing and push prices up, households and businesses will have to choose between cutting their fuel use or paying through the roof to keep going.

While EU governments agreed in July on a voluntary scheme to ration gas consumption, additional measures are already being rolled out. Each member state faces individual challenges to ensure households and businesses have enough to make it through winter, and EU governments have so far spent about €280bn (£242bn) to

mitigate the impact of the crisis, according to the Brussels-based economic think-tank Bruegel.

Here are some of the main measures taken by EU countries to shield citizens from the soaring energy prices:

GERMANY

The country is dangerously dependent on Russian energy, which accounted for 55 per cent of its gas imports last year but fell to around 25 per cent last month. Berlin is scrambling to overhaul its energy policy. In February, it scrapped the Nord Stream 2 Russian gas pipeline and last week announced it would delay a planned closure of two nuclear power plants.

Chancellor Olaf Scholz has warned of "socially explosive" rises in energy bills: the government has declared a gas crisis, asking industrial users to slash use and encouraged councils to turn off traffic lights at night, cut the use of air conditioning and stop lighting up historic buildings. Over the summer, ultra-cheap fares were offered on public transport as a part of a scheme to push Germans to use their cars less. Last weekend, the German government agreed to a €65bn plan to ease the pressure on households.

FRANCE

Thanks to nuclear energy, France is far less dependent on Russian imports, although its imports were still around 17 per cent before the war. However, France's nuclear plants, which account for over two-thirds of the country's total electricity production, are currently facing unprecedented technical issues: last month, 57 per cent of the country's nuclear generation capacity was offline.

In August, the government announced a €65bn package to tackle the cost of living crisis. Gas prices have been frozen at October 2021 levels until the end of the year; the increase in regulated electricity costs will be capped at 4 per cent and €100 grants will be offered to low- and middle-income households.

The government is still finalising its plan for *sobriété énergétique* (energy saving), warning that any rationing will depend heavily on the weather.

SPAIN

Madrid long ago moved to build up pipeline supplies from Algeria. Spain has positioned itself as a possible new hub for importing liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Europe, but there have been delays in building interconnectors needed to export more gas to France.

Last month, Spanish MPs approved a decree limiting air conditioning in public and large commercial buildings to 27°C in summer and heating to 19°C this winter. Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez says he will cut VAT on



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gas from 21 per cent to 5 per cent from October.

Spain and Portugal's €8.4bn plan to reduce wholesale electricity prices was approved by the EU in June: it will cap the price of gas used to produce electricity and could save households up to a fifth of their energy bills, the government says.

ITALY

Last year, Italy imported around 40 per cent of its gas from Russia and in July, the government announced a savings plan for emergencies that could include limiting heating to 19°C in winter and cooling to 27°C in summer, reducing street lighting at night and closing shops early.

Italy is looking to reduce 7 per cent of gas demand by March. In April, Italy signed a deal with Algeria for an additional four billion cubic metres (bcm) of gas this year, on top of the 21bcm planned.

THE NETHERLANDS

Around 15 per cent of gas coming into the Netherlands last year was from Russia, although the country is the EU's largest natural gas producer and Western Europe's biggest after Norway. Development of the Groningen field is on pause because of fears about earthquakes, but the government says it will move ahead if Russia shuts off all gas supplies to Europe.

The Hague has cut energy taxes and is offering the lowest-earning households a one-off energy subsidy of €1,300, raising the minimum wage and lowering VAT on energy to nine per cent. The government also launched a campaign in April calling on households and companies to reduce their gas consumption.

POLAND

Warsaw has held back from initiating its 12-step emergency procedure that leads to gas rationing. Poland had received around half of its gas from Russia, but Moscow cut it off in late April after the government refused to pay in roubles. Poland relies on coal for most of its power and has already filled up its gas storage sites.

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The proportion of its gas that Germany imported from Russia last year, falling to 25 per cent last month



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Quote of the day



Theatre is always more crucial in dark times as a place where we can come together

Juliet Stevenson
The actress on how the arts can help us to find perspective

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My View

Paul Waugh

A chink of light in the darkness

Good news on gas and inflation gives Truss energy boost

Amid this sombre moment for the nation, any glimmer of good news is welcome. The latest monthly inflation statistics, revealing a drop in the rate to 9.9 per cent, has certainly left ministers crossing their fingers that prices may have peaked.

Although the worrying rise in food prices could mean that we are not out of the inflationary woods yet, the dip in the cost of petrol and diesel allows Conservative MPs to dare to dream that the cost of living crisis could ease sometime soon.

Some big falls in global gas prices recently have also been a boon to Liz Truss's own plans for a cap on energy bills, potentially making them much cheaper for the public finances.

For hard-pressed British businesses, there was more good news yesterday. In a rare break with its practice of refusing to give detailed political comment during the period of national mourning, Downing Street insisted that firms would get help with their bills from next month, backdated if necessary.

For the Prime Minister, the pledge to help business and not just householders helps her to blunt Labour's attack lines over the whole energy package. Ministers point out that Sir Keir Starmer's £29bn plan has no similar proposal to directly help companies small and large avoid potentially crippling bills this winter.

Still, Labour strategists believe that Truss has walked right into their trap over the issue, by failing to impose a tighter windfall tax to fund her energy bill cap. The question "who foots the bill?" allows Starmer to say that the Tories' (as yet undetailed) plans to expand borrowing will ultimately load the cost on to the hard-pressed public. Under Starmer's plan it would be "big oil" and "big gas" fat cats who cough up billions made in "Putin profits".

There is no question that windfall taxes are popular. In her "state of the union" speech yesterday, the European Commission's president, Ursula von der Leyen, vowed to target the excess profits of fossil fuel companies, saying they "have to pay a fair share" via a new "crisis contribution" – a tax in all but name.

Von der Leyen also went further than Labour or the Tories in the UK, vowing to raise €140bn (£121bn) from "companies that produce electricity at a low cost" from renewables, but which have been "making revenues they never accounted for; they never even dreamed of".

But I'm told that Truss is poised to back a bigger, more long-term solution to the problem by decoupling



The new Business Secretary, Jacob Rees-Mogg, has said that he wants renewable energy projects to be rolled out at pace GETTY

electricity prices from gas prices. The two have been linked for years and reform is seen as long overdue (green groups and Labour's Ed Miliband have called for it repeatedly).

With renewables now nine times cheaper than gas, the so-called "marginal pricing" system does indeed look "bonkers" (in the words of one energy chief). When he was business secretary, Kwasi Kwarteng opened a consultation for reform this summer, admitting that "current market arrangements are based on the needs of fossil fuel generation rather than renewables".

The Government's Review of Electricity Market Arrangements (REMA) also included plans to introduce "locational pricing" to incentivise investment in new energy

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generation, a move that would again boost the renewable sector.

Now, things appear to have come to a head, and I understand that Downing Street has told the business department that both reforms – to "marginal pricing" and "locational pricing" – are among its pressing priorities. We could see the review fast-tracked and put into legislation swiftly.

Moreover, No 10's drive to fundamentally reform the UK's broken electricity market means that the Energy Bill currently going through the House of Lords looks like being significantly slashed, delayed or maybe dropped altogether.

Sources tell me that the Business Secretary, Jacob Rees-Mogg, made clear to officials on Monday that he intended to effectively pause the Bill. The reason was two-fold: separate emergency legislation for the price cap took precedence, but also the large Bill needed to focus more sharply on cutting energy costs and regulation for business.

The Energy Bill is certainly large, covering a wide range of areas such as carbon capture and storage, nuclear markets, heat networks, energy smart appliances, as well as gas and electricity market regulation.

Green groups worry that slimming

it down, or farming off parts of it to a new "Growth Bill" (also mooted within Whitehall), could risk losing key reforms such as the creation of a Future Systems Operator, a new state body tasked with the triple aims of achieving the UK's net zero target for carbon emissions by 2050, protecting energy security and securing "efficiency". The new body has been eyed suspiciously by Tory MPs sceptical of the net zero ambition.

Rees-Mogg's appointment as Business Secretary dismayed some environmentalists, given his backing for fracking and his vow to extract "every last drop" of oil from the North Sea. Yet maybe he will surprise his critics. I'm told that at a meeting with business groups last week, he stressed that he wanted renewables rolled out at pace.

His allies say that he wants to go "full throttle" on the issue, and while offshore wind is his focus, he believes that "supply needs to be increased everywhere". That really would be another glimmer of hope in these dark times.

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COMMENT FROM HOME AND ABROAD

COST OF LIVING CRISIS



Older people are being forced back to work

The Herald

Employment is changing for the over-65s. Nearly 1.5 million over-65s were working between April and June of this year, a rise of 173,000 on the quarter. The main driver has been the cost of living crisis, which is forcing some to return to employment. (Gavin Mochan)

BBC

There are plenty of organisations saying this Energy Price Guarantee is flowing in the wrong direction. Although most households had been facing the same huge price increase, those with less money spend proportionately more of their income on energy, which means they will still struggle to pay bills. (Colletta Smith)

THE KILLING OF CHRIS KABA



Truth about police shooting has to come out

The Mirror

The family of Chris Kaba, an unarmed rapper shot dead in London by a police officer, deserve the truth. This tragedy is quickly becoming a test of public confidence in Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley. Delaying the suspension of the officer added to the black community's view that it is treated unfairly. (Editorial)

The Independent

Chris's killing comes after a catalogue of recent local incidents: from disclosures about police strip searches of black children in our borough, to the death of Ian Taylor in police custody as he struggled to breathe. We need a full and thorough investigation. (Bell Ribeiro-Addy)

CLIMATE CHANGE



Pakistan paying a huge price for global warming

The Washington Post

I have been travelling in the flood-affected areas of Pakistan and I cannot control my tears. My country is drowning in one of the worst environmental disasters the world has ever experienced. Experts say Pakistan is responsible for less than 1 per cent of global emissions. Now it is paying a heavy price. (Hamid Mir)

The Scotsman

Climate change is already affecting lives and lungs of millions of people worldwide. So, what are we going to do about it? While we welcome the Scottish Government's target of net-zero emissions by 2045, much more must be done to reduce air pollution for the sake of the planet. (Joseph Carter)

KWASI KWARTENG



Nothing wrong with pushing for growth

The New Statesman

The view holds across the Tory party that the Treasury is "sitting on growth". This is most pronounced among Leavers such as Kwarteng, who wants to return growth to its pre-2008 crash level. The unspoken tension is that the UK only achieved such growth when it was in the European Union. (Harry Lambert)

CityAM

Go for growth. That's the message given to the Treasury by the new Chancellor. Of course, simply ordering the Treasury to deliver 2.5 per cent growth does not make it happen. If Kwarteng and Liz Truss are able to reshape our national conversation towards risk-taking, that would be a mark of progress. (Editorial)

UKRAINE'S FIGHTBACK



Putin's rule may be on the verge of collapse

Daily Express

As Ukraine looks to turn the tide in its conflict with Russia, let's be clear, they are doing so with colossal levels of support from the US and its allies, including Britain. There is a reason why the Americans and Europeans have not gotten directly involved. Russia is a serious player. (Jonathan Saxty)

The Telegraph

The Kremlin faces a historic crisis of confidence. We might be witnessing the beginning of the end of the Russian Federation. Our failure to prepare for the last Russian collapse and the internal unrest that ensued in its aftermath arguably led to the Putin presidency. We cannot [be] unprepared a second time. (Ben Hedges)

NORTHERN IRELAND VISIT



The modern crown can be a force for good

The Sun

The sight of the new King shaking the hand of Sinn Féin's vice-president proves the power of the crown as a force for good. The past few days have clearly shown that the vast majority in our United Kingdom have a deeply bound, widely held respect and love for the monarchy. (Editorial)

The Guardian

For the people of formerly colonised countries, the monarchy is... the embodiment of imperial legacies that benefited Britain at the expense of its colonies, and played an active role in the slave trade. Surely in 2022 we have a more nuanced and accurate understanding of these issues. (Nalini Mohabir)

Life In Brief

RAMSEY LEWIS JAZZ PIANIST

The renowned pianist Ramsey Lewis, whose music entertained fans over a more than 60-year career that began with the Ramsey Lewis Trio and made him one of America's most successful jazz musicians, has died at the age of 87.

He passed away in his sleep at his Chicago home, according to his son, Bobby Lewis. "Most people say when they met dad that he was a class act. He was that way even through his last breath," he said.

Lewis, who formed the Ramsey Lewis Trio with drummer Isaac "Red" Holt and bassist Eldee Young, is revered in jazz circles for their 1960s hits like "The 'In' Crowd", "Hang on Sloopy" and "Wade in the Water". They earned three Grammy awards and seven gold records.

The trio's first album in 1956 was Ramsey Lewis and his Gentlemen of Swing. Their rendition of "Wade in the Water", an African-American spiritual from the days of slavery, was a popular instrumental hit that reached No 19 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1966.

Lewis described his approach to composing and performing thus: "Life is a solo, and it continues. I just know that when I put my hands on the piano it's going to flow."

Lewis first took piano lessons at the age of four. He spent his early days in Chicago using his gospel and classical roots to create his own jazz style in the many neighbourhood venues that hired young jazz musicians.

"It gave us a lot of opportunity to

try our ideas and learn what it means to perform in front of an audience," Lewis said as he received a Jazz Master award from the National Endowment for the Arts in 2007. He accepted the award from his mentor and fellow Jazz Master, pianist Billy Taylor.

During his career, Lewis performed with musical stars such as Aretha Franklin, Tony Bennett, Al Jarreau and Pat Metheny. Lewis had more than 80 albums to his credit – three dozen of them with Chicago-based Chess Records. He toured around the world and performed at the 1995 state dinner that the then-US president Bill Clinton hosted for President Fernando Henrique Cardoso of Brazil.

Lewis began composing large-

scale musical works later in his career. His first was an eight-movement piece for Chicago's Joffrey Ballet. He also hosted radio shows in the 1990s and 2000, including *The Ramsey Lewis Morning Show*, on WNUA-FM and the syndicated *Legends of Jazz* with Ramsey Lewis.

In 2007, he hosted a 13-week, public television show *Legends of Jazz* with Ramsey Lewis, which aired on stations around the US.

Lewis also spent time working on behalf of charities that brought music to young people. "Ramsey's passion for music was truly fuelled by the love and dedication of his fans across the globe," his wife, Janet Lewis, wrote in a Facebook post.

Brett Steele, whose Florida-based company had Steele Management



represented Lewis since 2011, said that the musician spent the last year of his life working on his memoirs, which are completed and scheduled to be published next year.

In addition to his wife and son, Lewis also is survived by daughters Denise Jeffries and Dawn Allain; two other sons Kendall Kelly Lewis and Frayne Lewis; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. AP

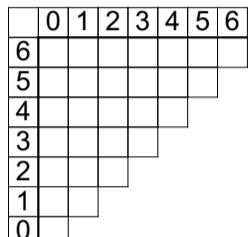
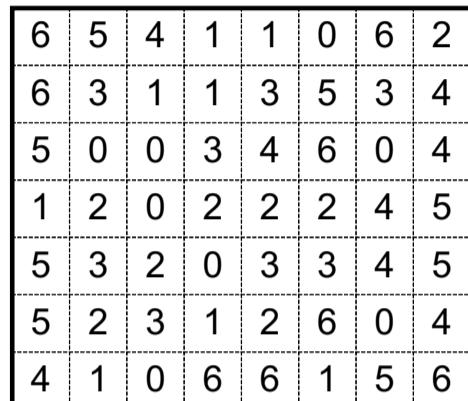
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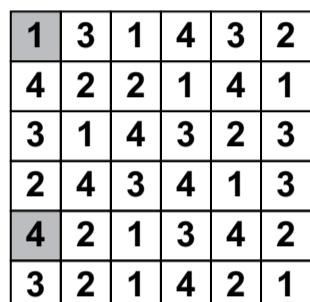
Dominoes

How to play All of the 28 domino pieces from 0-0 through to 6-6 have been placed once into the grid. Can you work out where each of them is placed?



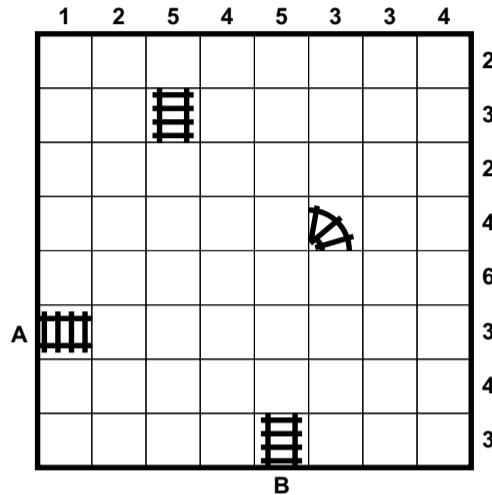
Journey Finder

How to play Move between the numbers in order 1,2,3,4,1,2,3,4 and so on, starting with the grey 1 and ending with the grey 4. On each step you may move one square in any direction (including diagonally). You must form a continuous path that visits every square exactly once.



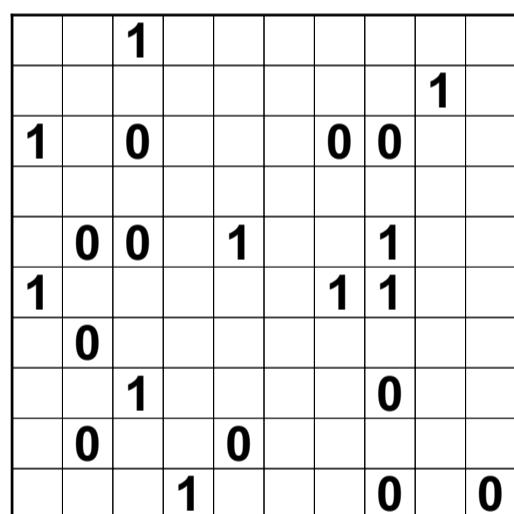
Train Tracks

How to play Numbers around the outside indicate how many squares in each row and column the track passes through between A and B. The track either passes straight through a square or turns at right angles in it.



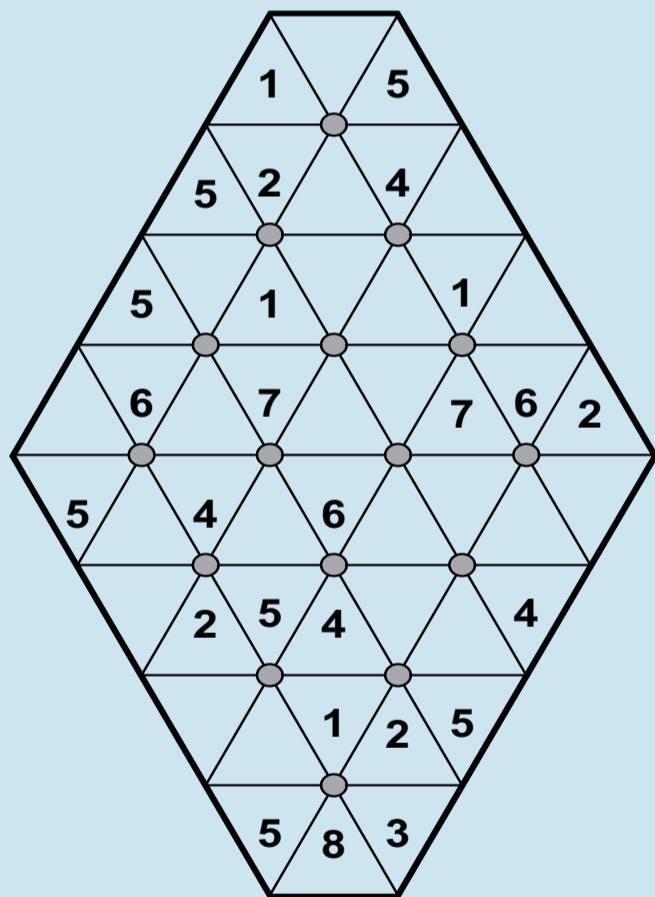
Binary

How to play Complete the grid so that each row and column contains five 0s and five 1s. The same number cannot appear in more than two consecutive squares in any row or column. In the finished puzzle, each row must have a different sequence of 0s and 1s to any other row, and likewise for each column.



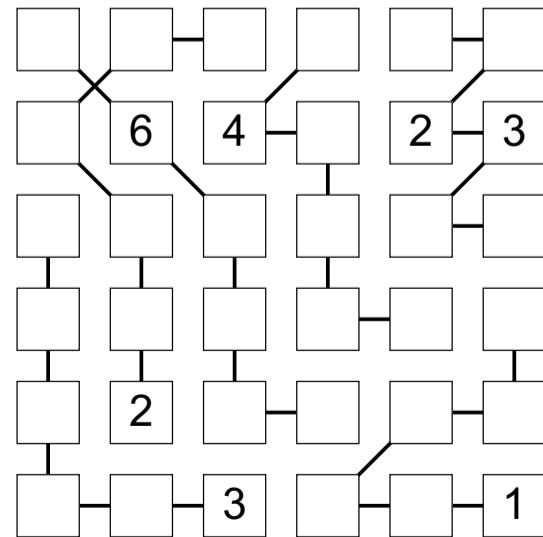
Number Hexagon

How to play Each hexagon is divided into six triangles. The sum of these six triangles is always 25. Place a number from 1-9 in each empty triangle to complete the puzzle; you cannot repeat a number within a hexagon.



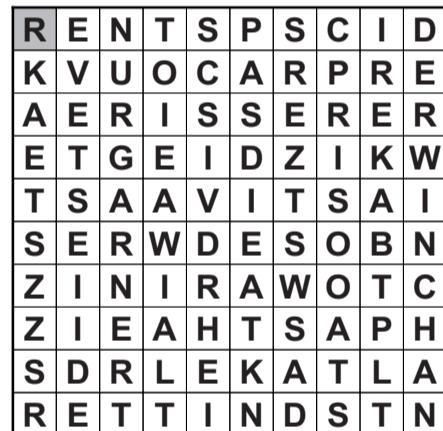
Chain Link

How to play Place the numbers 1-6 in each row, column and along each series of squares linked by the chain.



Pathfinder

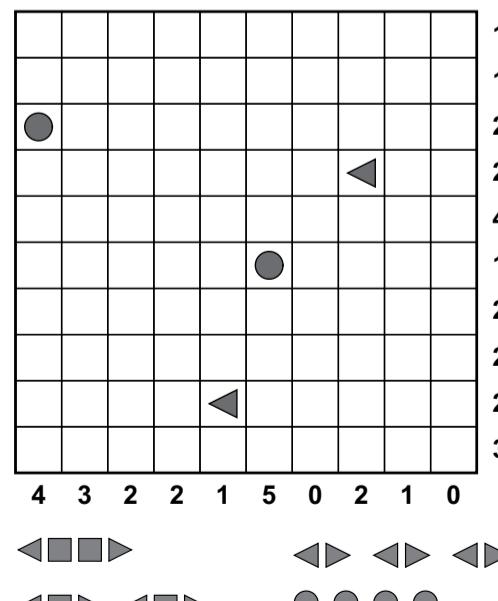
How to play Moving from letter to adjacent letter, can you create a continuous path that visits every square once and spells out all the words listed to the right of the grid? Start on the shaded square.



Baker
Cider
Data
Discount
Dizzies
Garner
Knitters
Laird
Plants
Prizes
Reverie
Soot
Spars
Steak
Swathe
Waviest
Winch

Battleships

How to play Locate the position of each of the ships listed below in the grid. Numbers around the edge tell you the number of ship segments in each row and column of the puzzle. Ships are surrounded on all sides by water, including diagonally.



- Daily Quiz**
- What is the name of the man who has a barrow in the marketplace in the Beatles song "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da"?
 - Whose posthumously published book *How to Live When You Could Be Dead* debuted at No 1 in the bestseller lists last month?
 - What name for a breeding colony of seals is also used to describe a similar breeding area for a raucous relative of the crow?
 - Which mountain near Aix-en-Provence in France was the subject of many of Paul Cézanne's paintings?
- Answers, page 49**



Sausage sandwiches with shallot, fennel and apple slaw



SERVES 4

- 4 pork sausages
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp mustard seeds
- 2 apples
- 2 shallots
- 1 fennel bulb
- 20ml lemon juice
- Small handful of coriander
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 tbsp mayonnaise
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- 4 sub rolls

Heat the oven to 220°C/200°C fan/gas 7. Rub the sausages with a little oil, put on an oven tray lined with greaseproof paper and bake for 25 minutes. Turn once halfway through to ensure they're browned all over.

In a small, dry frying pan toast the mustard seeds until fragrant. Core the apples, finely slice and cut into matchsticks. Peel the shallots and finely slice. Finely slice the fennel or use a mandolin.

Add to a bowl with the remaining olive oil, lemon juice, coriander, seasoning and mustard seeds. Stir to combine.

In a small bowl, mix together the mayonnaise and mustard.

Partially slice open the sub rolls and toast the insides. Spread each roll with a little of the mustard mayonnaise, top with the hot sausages and the slaw.

Recipe from ukshallot.com

Tomorrow

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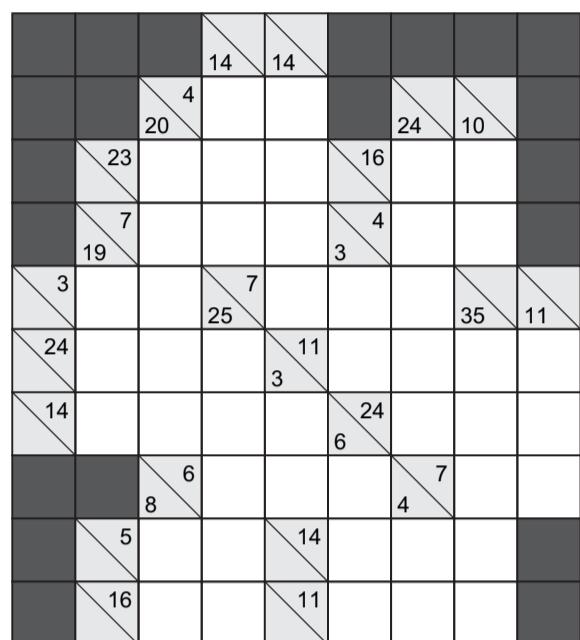
Shallot and mushroom galette



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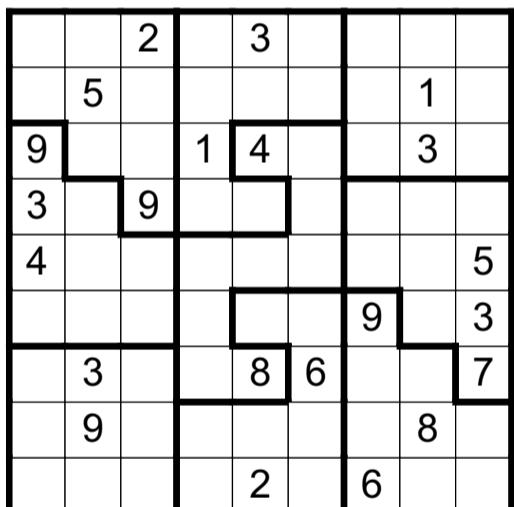
Kakuro

How to play Fill the white squares so that the total in each across or down run of cells matches the total at the start of that run. You must use the numbers from 1-9 only and cannot repeat a number in a run.



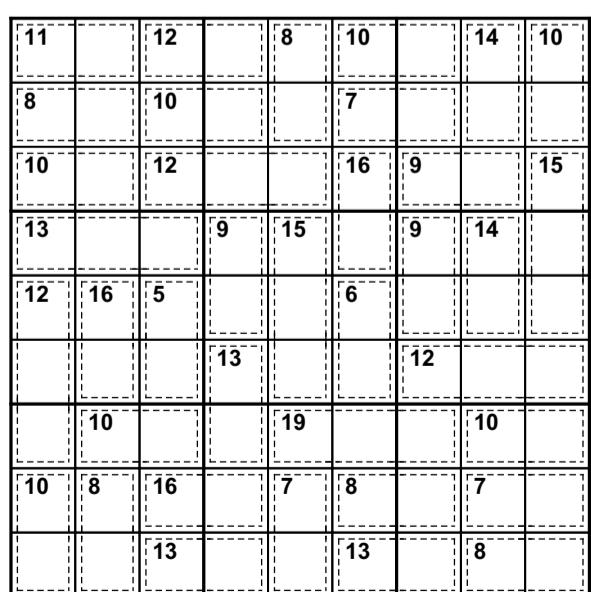
Jigsawdoku

How to play Place the numbers 1-9 once in each row, column and bold-lined jigsaw region.



Killer Sudoku

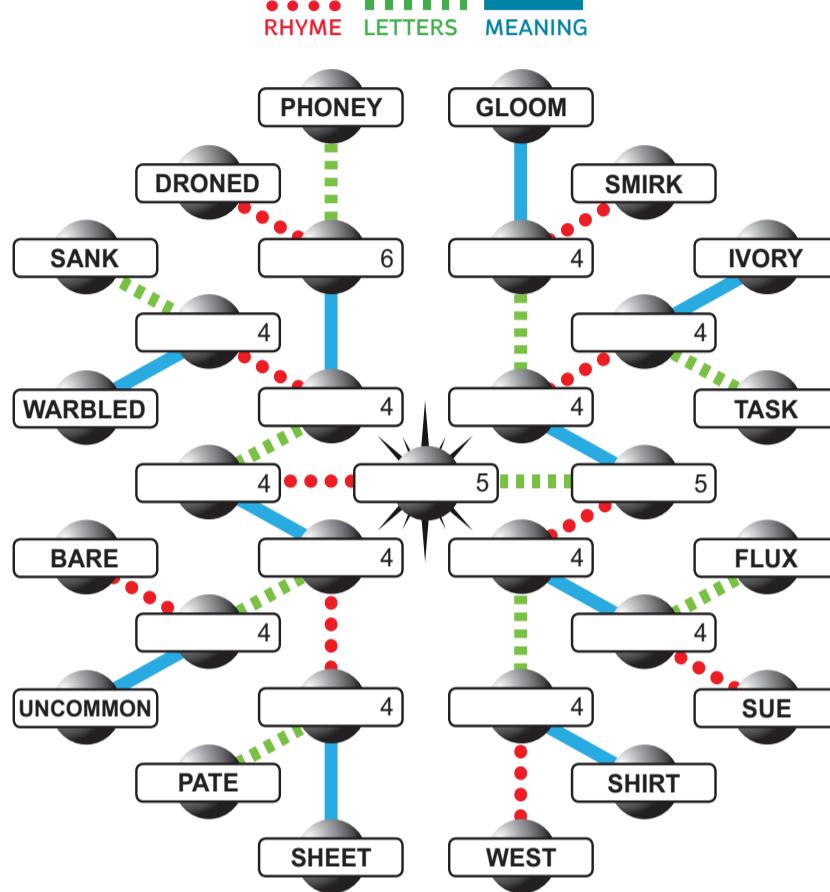
How to play Each row, column and 3 by 3 box must contain each number (1 to 9) only once. The sum of all numbers contained in a dotted area must match the number printed in its top-left corner. No number can appear more than once in a dotted area.



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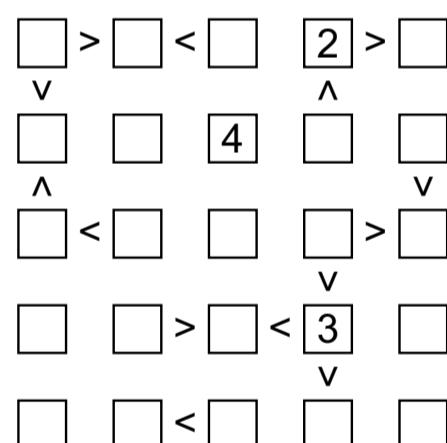
Find the missing words by following the **RHYME**, **LETTERS** and **MEANING** links – eg, a word that **rhymes** with 'cheek', has one **letter** different from 'pear' and has the same **meaning** as mountain, would be 'peak'. Full rules at zygolex.com.

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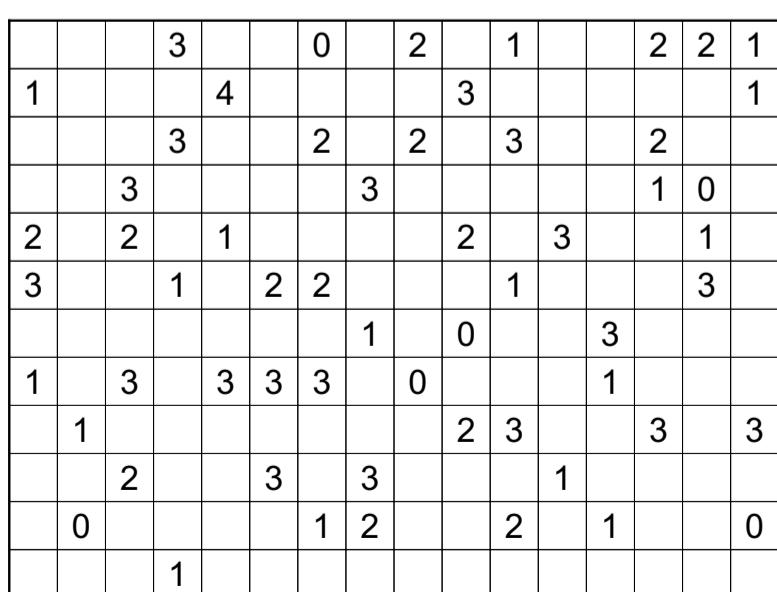
Futoshiki

How to play
Place the numbers from 1-5 exactly once in each row and column. The greater than and less than signs ('>' and '<') indicate where one cell is greater/less than the adjacent cell indicated.



Minesweeper

How to play Find all the mines in the grid. Numbers in certain squares indicate how many mines there are in the neighbouring squares, including diagonally touching squares. Mines cannot be placed in squares with numbers.



Number Square

How to play Fill the empty squares with numbers that will make the across and down calculations produce the results shown in the grey squares. Each numeral from 1 to 9 must only appear once. The calculations should be performed from left to right and top to bottom, rather than in strict mathematical order.

Easier

	-		-		-14
-	x		+/-		2
8	x		-		4
-	+	-	-		
-11	10		11		

Harder

	÷		x		24
+	+	-	-		
+	-	-	-		6
+	+	-	-		
9	x		+		77
17	16		-4		

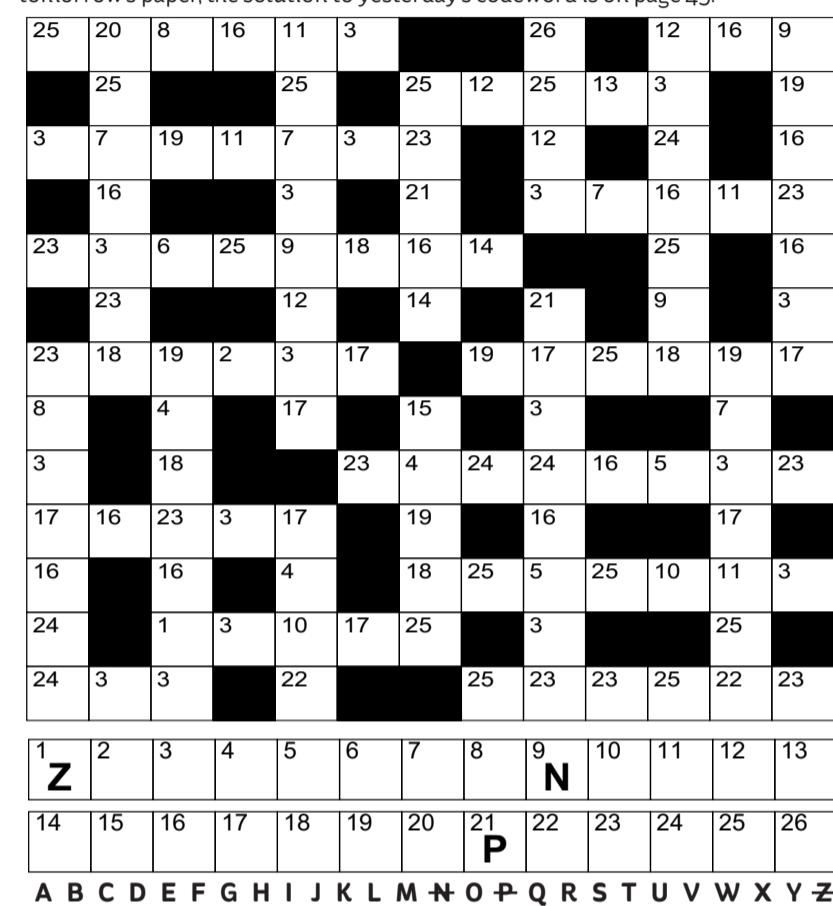


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Codeword No 3363

How to play The numbers in the grid correspond to the letters of the alphabet. Solve the puzzle and fill in the letters in the key as you discover them. Three letters are provided to give you a start. The solution will be printed in tomorrow's paper, the solution to yesterday's codeword is on page 49.



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Concise Crossword No 3685

ACROSS

- 1 Communications code word for the letter m (4)
- 4 Tier (3)
- 6 Gambling counter (4)
- 8 Cave explorer (8)
- 9 Partiality (4)
- 10 Sailors (4,6)
- 12 Compassionate (6-7)
- 15 Dextrose (5,5)
- 19 Indian dress (4)
- 20 Male horse (8)
- 21 Colour (4)
- 22 Conclusion (3)
- 23 Stagger (4)



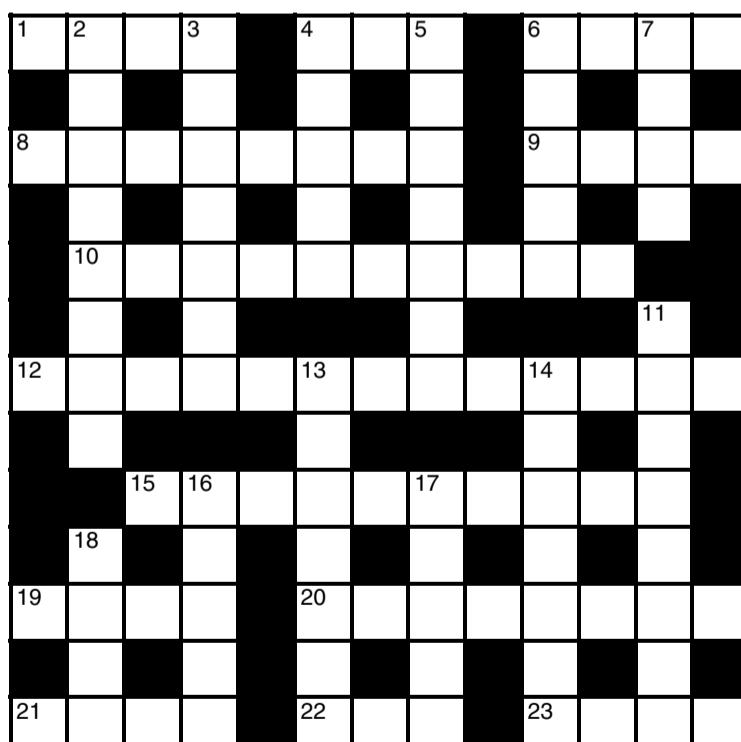
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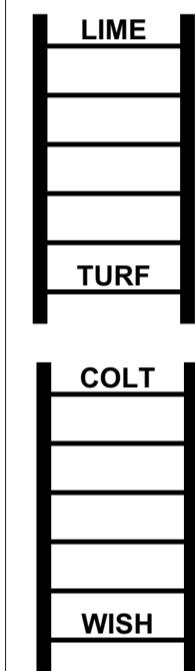
ACROSS 1 Pen, 2 Silk, 3 Ace (Pencil case), 4 Laconic, 5 Cargo, 6 Crème caramel, 7 Psittacosis, 8 Sports jacket, 9 On ice, 10 Cantina, 11 Dye, 12 Play, 13 Get, 14 Palace, 15 Nucleus, 16 Single, 17 Lackadaisical, 18 Agree, 19 Eton, 20 Octavo, 21 Tureen, 22 Inkling, 23 Strait, 24 Prime, 25 Annoy, 26 Gold.

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Word Ladder

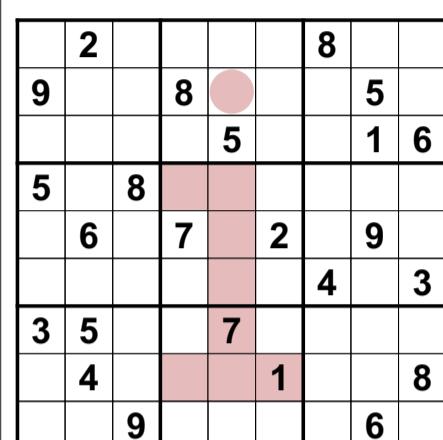
How to play

Convert the word at the top of the ladder into the word at the bottom of it, using only the four rungs in between. On each rung, you must put a valid four-letter word that is identical to the word above it, apart from a one-letter change. There may be more than one way of achieving this.

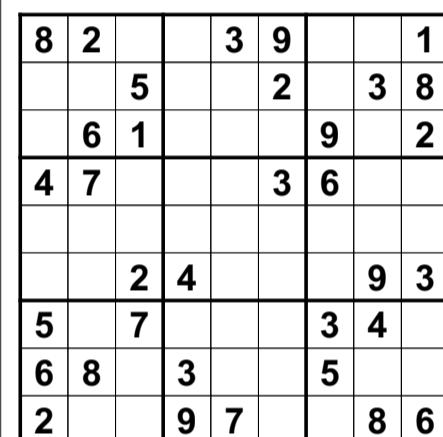


idoku Exclusive to i

How to play Each numeral from 1 to 9 must appear (once only) in the squares forming the red letter i.



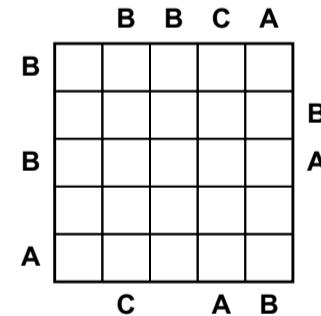
Sudoku Easier



Tomorrow: Harder

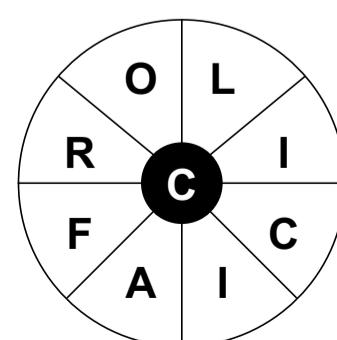
ABC Logic

How to play Place the letters A, B and C only once in each row and column. Each row and column has two blank cells. The letters at the edge of a row/column indicate which of the letters is the first/last to appear in that row/column.



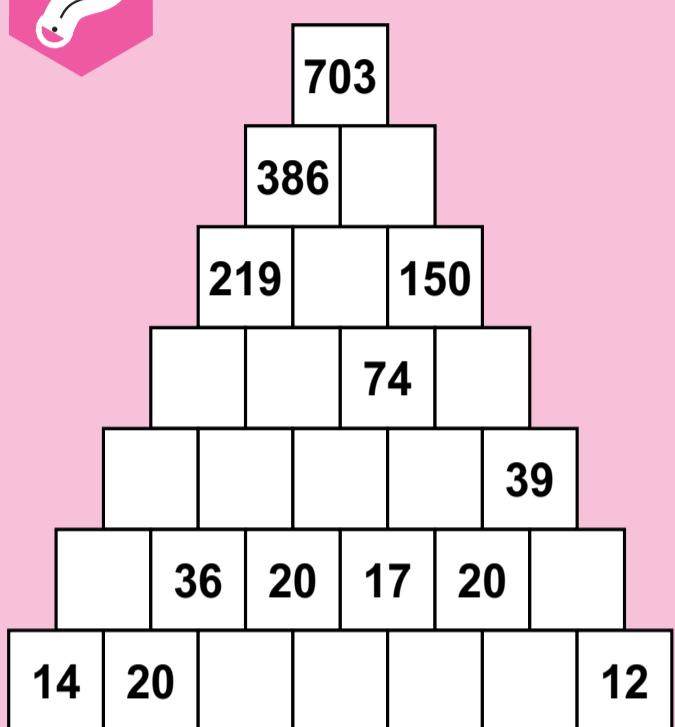
Word Wheel

How to play This is an open-ended puzzle. How many words of three or more letters, each including the letter at the centre of the wheel, can you make from this diagram? We've found 18, including one nine-letter word. Can you do better?

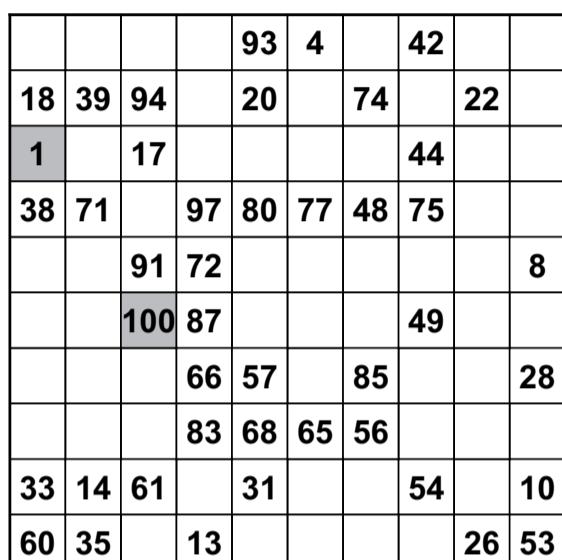


Children's Corner Number Tower

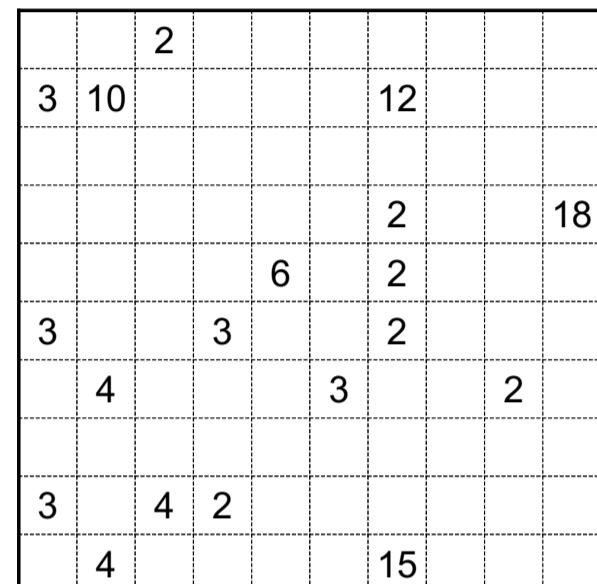
How to play The value of each square in the number pyramid is the sum of the two squares directly under it.

**Knight's Tour**

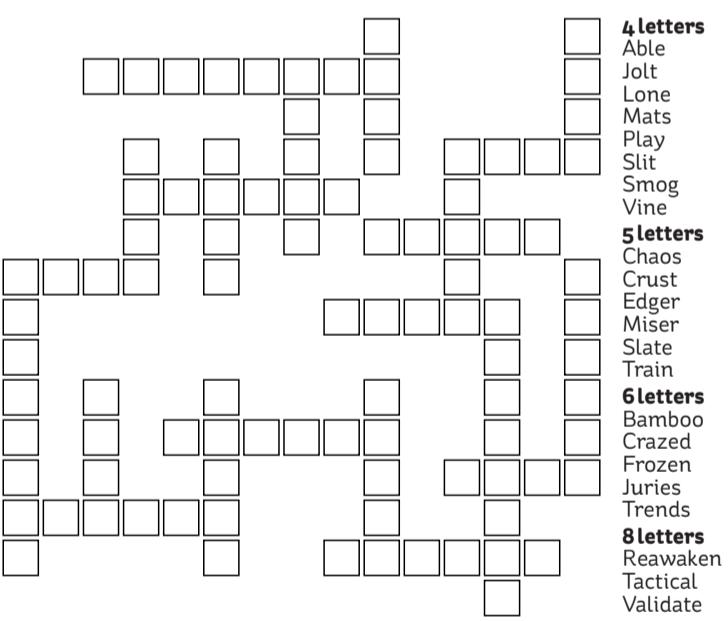
How to play A chess knight visits each square of the grid exactly once, starting at 1 and ending at 100 (these squares are shaded). Deduce the whole path of the knight - some of which is already given - and thus complete the grid. The knight moves either two squares horizontally followed by one square vertically, or two squares vertically followed by one square horizontally.

**Rectangles**

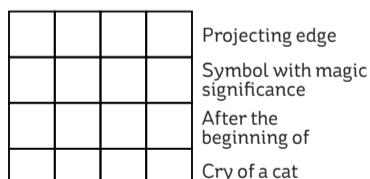
How to play Divide the grid into a series of rectangles or squares, such that every cell in the grid is in exactly one region. Numbers indicate the size of each region: for instance a "7" in a cell means that cell is part of a region that contains seven cells in total. There is only one number in each region.

**Word Fit**

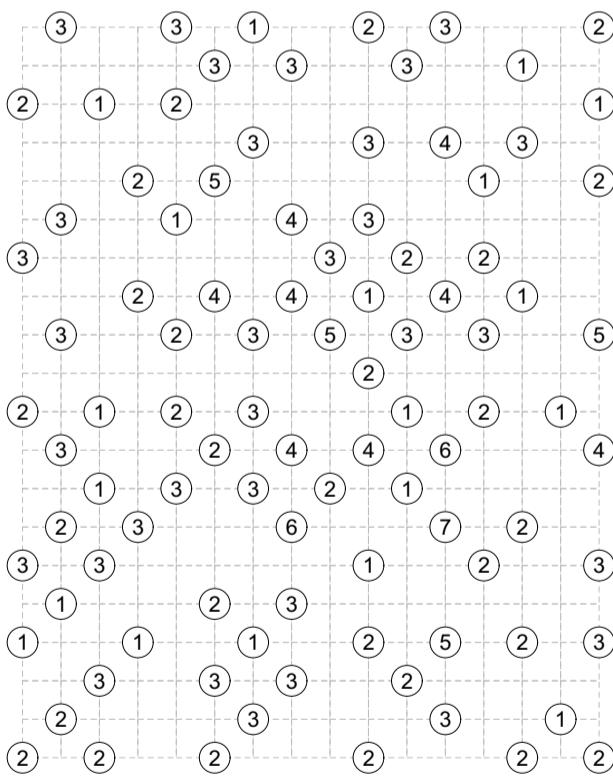
How to play Can you fit all the words into the grid to complete the puzzle? Some words may initially fit in more than one place, but there is only one way to fit all the words together to complete the grid.

**Word Square**

How to play Simply answer the clues alongside the grid, writing the answers in the respective rows. The solution must read the same horizontally in each row as it does vertically in each column.

**Bridges**

How to play Connect every island (represented by circles) into a single interconnected group. To do this draw bridges between islands. The number in each circle states how many bridges must be connected to that island. Bridges cannot cross each other, can only be drawn horizontally or vertically, and there can be a maximum of two bridges between any pair of islands.

**Word Search**

How to play The classic word-search puzzle: find all the words in the grid. Words may be hidden horizontally, vertically or diagonally and in either a forwards or backwards direction.



ARABIAN
ATACAMA
COLORADO
GIBSON
GOBI
GUBAN
KALAHARI
KARA KUM
LIBYAN
MOJAVE

MONTE
NAMIB
NEGEV
RANGIPO
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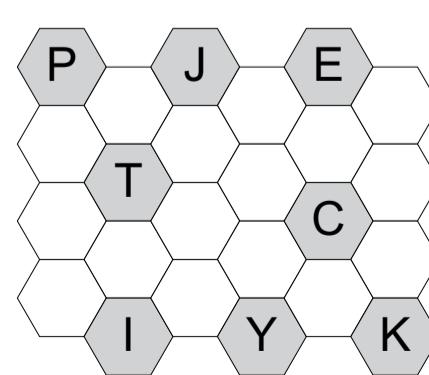
How to play Place the numbers 1-6 once in each row and column, obeying sums in bold-lined regions. The number in each region indicates the total for the region, and the symbol shows which type of operation should be applied to the numbers: addition, subtraction, division or multiplication. Numbers may repeat within bold-lined regions. With subtraction always take the lower numbers away from the highest number in a region, and with division divide the highest number by the lower numbers.

2-	5+	4-		4÷	
			6÷		120x 8+
2÷					
14+		45x	20x		
6÷				1-	
		20x			

Hexalex

How to play Place each of the letters below once into the empty hexagons, crossing them off as you do so. Enter the letters in such a way that it is possible to find all the words listed alongside the grid by moving from hexagon to adjacent hexagon to spell out each word.

A D F G H L M N O R S U V W X Z



CARGO
DOZE
EXULTS
FLUX
GAWK
GULP
JUG
MAR
SHRUG
VIM
YAWN

The day I flew home with an 'Isis Beatle'

TERRORISM

Laura Pitel



It was when I saw the tattoo that the penny dropped. The man sitting two rows behind me on my Ankara to London flight last month, flanked by two plainclothes officers, had the letters A-I-N-E running vertically down his left arm. It's Aine Davis, I thought. I'm sharing my Sun Express flight with an alleged member of an Isis jihadi cell known as the "Beatles".

My suspicions were first raised when my husband saw a man in handcuffs being led on to the plane as we waited to board. When we took our seats, I discovered we were two rows in front of the detainee: a bald thirty-something bearded man who was wearing a white Puma T-shirt.

After take-off, I walked past him a few times under the guise of entertaining my 17-month-old daughter. I angled for information from the cabin crew. My husband rolled his eyes and wished I would just sit down. Then I saw the tattoo.

Davis is suspected of having been a member of an Isis cell that captured and killed western hostages in Syria. The Beatles nickname was given to them by captives: a black-humoured reference to the men's British accents, and a way of telling them apart. The 38-year-old Davis had



Aine Davis (left) was arrested at Luton Airport last month and faces terrorism charges METROPOLITAN POLICE/PA

been detained in prison in Ankara – I knew he was due to be deported home to the UK.

Still, I wanted to be sure, so I asked him. He confirmed his identity and said that his time in custody, some of it in solitary confinement, had been “very hard”.

Davis, who had picked up excellent Turkish and a muscular physique during his seven-and-a-half-year jail sentence, said he wanted to “just live a normal life” back in the UK.

When I asked if he was expecting to be arrested, he replied: “I’ve no idea, after the things they’ve written about me in the media.”

Up to this point, the Turkish guards accompanying Davis had paid little attention to me. On seeing the stain-ridden “human highchair” look I sport when travelling with a toddler, they must have assumed I was harmless. After discovering I was a journalist, they panicked and shooed me away before I got the chance to ask Davis anything more.

But for the rest of the flight, I had the strange experience of playing with my daughter within touching distance of a man accused of terrorism offences. Our fellow passengers were completely oblivious.

In some ways, this was the final

chapter of a story that began a decade ago. After the 2011 Syrian uprising, it was common to see young men flying from Britain to Turkey, intending to cross into the war-torn country. Some had genuinely good intentions. Others less so, especially after Isis captured large parts of Syria and Iraq in 2014.

The porousness of the Turkish-Syrian border in those years is still a bone of contention between Turkey and the West. It was undoubtedly a free-for-all. But the revelation that Shamima Begum – the British schoolgirl who joined Isis in 2015 – was smuggled across

Turkey has deported 9,000 alleged foreign terrorist fighters

the border by a man who was also working for Canadian intelligence, shows how murky this whole period was. The sensitivities involved in repatriating people like Davis is one of the reasons the UK is eager to maintain good relations with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government.

Turkey has deported 9,000 alleged foreign terrorist fighters since 2011, the interior ministry has confirmed. Though the pace of deportations has slowed in recent years, 20 people were sent back to EU countries in the first seven months of 2022.

An estimated 360 Britons who joined extremist groups in Syria and Iraq were “still somewhere in the region”, according to a UK government estimate in 2019.

Britain has subsequently stripped some of them of their citizenship to prevent their return. But Ankara has said, quite rightly, that it will not serve as a “hotel” for foreign terror suspects. Davis needed to be sent home.

After our plane landed at Luton, my family and I walked down the steps on to the tarmac and made our way through the airport to be greeted warmly by my in-laws. Davis's welcome party consisted of three British policemen.

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We have learned nothing from Northern Rock collapse

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Andrew Fisher

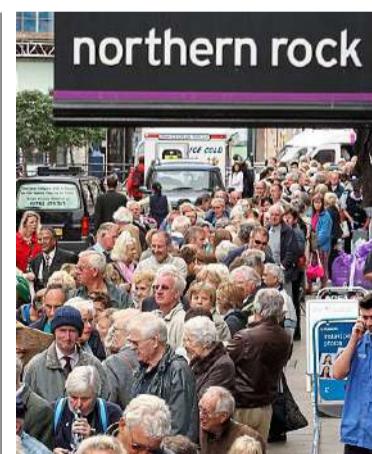


government loans to stop them going the same way.

What has happened since has been an object lesson in political failure. The economic model created by Thatcher and lauded by New Labour collapsed, spectacularly, in the largest global economic crash since the 1930s. But no government since has had a single idea of what to put in its place.

There are echoes of the banking crisis in Liz Truss's response to the energy crisis. Private businesses are being propped up with hundreds of billions of pounds of public money. Companies that have been charging us more than our European neighbours and have made decades of eye-watering profits are now being bailed out, rather than nationalised.

The lesson of the banking crisis was that some things are too important to fail: banks, energy, water, rail. If something is too important to fail then in reality it is a public liability – as the



People queue to remove their savings from Northern Rock in 2007

The UK's economic malaise shows no signs of ending soon

Government will have to step in if things go wrong. The myth of privatisation was that risk would be transferred and the competition and ingenuity of private sector would create efficiencies – lowering prices and benefiting us all.

This was nonsense. Take water, for example: the privatised companies jacked up prices by 40 per cent and many sold off reservoirs and land earmarked for new reservoirs to make a short-term buck from housing developments. Scandalously, these massively profitable regional monopoly companies continue to dump raw sewage into our rivers and beaches.

Far from undoing Thatcherism, the present Government seems keen to re-enact it. Last week, the Financial Services and Markets Bill had its second reading. It is an attempt to dilute the meagre regulations that were brought in following the banking crash.

Among those rules under review are the cap on bankers' bonuses,

the EU-wide solvency insurance rules and the MiFID II rules – which were about stabilising the finance sector, increasing transparency and removing incentives for risky, speculative behaviour. The new Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Richard Fuller, said in last week's debate: “The Bill will enable the UK to assert its leadership, and to drive forward change to capture a greater share of the global market for financial services.”

As if the crash never happened, the shadow Treasury minister, Tulip Siddiq, asserted that “enabling the City to thrive will be fundamental to the delivery of the tax receipts we need to fund public services and support people through the cost of living crisis”.

The UK's economic malaise shows no signs of ending soon. Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

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Perhaps the Queen's death will inspire King Charles to suggest a recipe for a rival to the popular Victoria sponge, says **i** reader Sarah Gall GETTY

Monarch keeps leaders in check

One advantage of the British monarchy is that it reminds prime ministers, however vain and despotic by nature, that they are not at the top of the pecking order.

An apolitical figure well versed in the workings of the constitution, whom the prime minister meets regularly, must curb the excesses that some might otherwise perpetrate.

S LAWTON
OXFORD

Coronation was my favourite day

My sister Gill and I (then aged 10 and 11) had a wonderful view of the Queen and the whole coronation procession.

We came up from Gloucester by coach and stood for many hours on the route, getting very wet. As the procession began, there was a shout from the police officers

standing on the empty corner: "Come along, kids!"

We moved with many other children, standing at the front and peeping between the soldiers to see everything.

Now aged 81 and with a lot of my rich, busy life behind me, I still regard that day as my most memorable one.

JENNIFER HODGKINSON
APPLEBY, CUMBRIA

The BBC has done us proud

Though I am a reserved royalist, I must say that the BBC's brilliant, comprehensive coverage poses a question for its critics: how do they think a subscription channel could compare? It would be tawdry and tarnished.

The BBC is television royalty. Given its long link to state funerals, I cannot imagine that our new King would be amused by measures to damage it.

COLLIN ROSSINI
DOVERCOURT, ESSEX

Of course we all feel her death and are emotional, but do we really have to be subjected to every move on all channels, in the media, on the radio?

Continual coverage is unhealthy – there is no way that can we get away from it. People should be allowed to choose how they react.

VALERIE GIBSON

VIA EMAIL

Thank you for a measured piece

Thank you for Paul Waugh's article on Sir Keir Starmer and the monarchy (My View, 13 September). It explained a lot to me, someone who is not pro-royal and feels uneasy about the extraordinary show of feeling from the public at the moment, which is bordering on hysterical.

Although it is very sad to see the passing of a great lady, a less conspicuous Royal Family is preferable to

the one we had under Queen Elizabeth's reign.

ANNA FREEMAN
CHELTENHAM,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Charities need your money too

I can't help but think, in these days of austerity, that instead of laying flowers as a sign of respect, there could have been the suggestion that people should donate to the Trussell Trust or an equally valuable charity instead.

It would have illustrated an awareness of the situation in which many people currently find themselves through no fault of their own.

BARBARA HULL
CRAWLEY,
WEST SUSSEX

Why not, instead of leaving flowers to decay outside a palace, send what you would have spent to the Disasters Emergency Committee

in support of those so tragically affected by flooding in Pakistan?

Your gift of hope for those in need would certainly be a fitting tribute.

COLIN FINLAY
WALLSEND,
TYNE AND WEAR

Other issues merit attention

The Queen has died and of course that will dominate the news.

However, meanwhile, a war still rages in Ukraine, the cost of living is still crippling millions and the NHS is still struggling.

These and many other pressing issues have not gone away and are unquestionably more urgent.

I hope the recently installed Prime Minister is busy with things other than preparations for the Queen's funeral.

STEFAN BADHAM
PORTSMOUTH

'Queen' will do fine for Camilla

I'm becoming a little tired of hearing the phrase "King Charles and the Queen Consort". Of course Camilla has that constitutional title, but its continual repetition is unnecessary.

We should use "King Charles and Queen Camilla". Leave "consort" for legal matters.

CHRIS FERNE
DORNOCH, HIGHLANDS

Let us raise a slice in tribute

We have Victoria sponge to enjoy at present.

Maybe our new King would like to suggest an Elizabeth cake as well?

SARAH GALL
STANDISH, WIGAN

The King's staff deserve better

In this period of apparent "national mourning" for the passing of the

Queen, strikes by the RMT and CWU have been cancelled, along with operations and other medical appointments.

Center Parcs was planning to kick customers out of its chalets (it has since U-turned), the Met Office has restricted its comment on the state of the weather and cyclists have been told not to ride their bikes during the Queen's funeral, all in the name of respect for the monarchy.

But the period of "national mourning" has not stopped Clarence House from giving redundancy notices to up to 100 of the King's former employees.

It shows the world just how much the British establishment "respects" those of us in the lower orders.

SASHA SIMIC
LONDON

Alibhai-Brown's warning is stark

"We are being lulled into complacency. Our democracy is in trouble." What a superb comment piece by Yasmin Alibhai-Brown (**i**, 14 September).

It so exactly matched my feelings about the Queen's death and the monarchy that it sent shivers down my spine.

I hope it might make some of the blinkered royalists think.

RICHARD DEAN
ALCESTER,
WARWICKSHIRE

Our diversity is on display

Irrespective of any of my personal views on the Queen's passing, what has impressed me is the wide diversity of people who have displayed strong emotions about her. They come from all corners of the UK and elsewhere in the Commonwealth.

I think that Liz Truss, as the leader of this Brexiteer Tory party, should take this on board. The Queen quite clearly spoke for all of us, not just the 81,000 Spectator-reading Conservative Party members who voted for Truss.

JOHN VAN DER GUCHT
KEIGHLEY,
WEST YORKSHIRE

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TECHNOLOGY

Could AI help stop loneliness? Robot invented to mimic human expressions

By Tom Bawden
SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT

A robot designed to look like a loved one and mimic their expressions could be available within a few years at a reasonable price, according to its creator.

Researchers have developed an "interactive biomimicking" head that uses artificial intelligence and a camera to assess the facial emotions and body movements of the person in front of it.

The PLEA2 robot is then able to express the same feelings on its face, providing comfort and companionship to its owner.

Creators want to develop the robot to take the lead in interactions with its owner, by pulling encouraging or amusing expressions to improve their mood, for example.

They hope it will be available within five years and cost just a few hundred pounds.

Creator Tomislav Stipancic, a researcher at the University of Zagreb in Croatia, is working with Professor Tracy Harwood, of De Montfort University, to work

If it hears a baby cry, it may react and try to make baby happy with nonverbal signs such as smiling

out how the robot could be used as a care robot, supporting people on their own or in a care setting, or to help in other situations such as calming a crying baby.

"Currently the robot can just copy facial expressions of the person by reasoning about their emotions," said Dr Stipancic.

"The next step, which we are working on now in the lab, will be for it to guide the interaction with a human."

"For example, if it hears a baby cry, it may react and try to make baby happy by using nonverbal signs such as smiling."

"The camera is seeing the face and using a computational model that can recognise the significant points on the face of the person. It can reason about the current emotion of this person and can map the significant points of their face, which changes in real time to produce expression."

"On the robot, the projector is placed in neck part and the light is projected up to the mirror which is placed inside the head at 45 degrees and the light is then mirrored to the face of the robot."

Dr Harwood said that companion robots had the potential to bring people great comfort in older age.

"I think they have the potential to transform the lives of older



The inventors of the PLEA2 hope it could be used as a care robot to bring comfort to people in old age BRITISH SCIENCE ASSOCIATION/ART AI FESTIVAL

people in their own homes, or in a care home, who can spend the majority of the time on their own," she said, adding that a customised machine could become a companion.

"Plus, there is a potential for creating different types of mask."

You could recreate the mask of a family member, say, and use that facial mask instead of the one that is created here."

PLEA2 was showcased at the British Science Festival, running at De Montford University in Leicester this week.

News in brief

EQUALITY

Marathon adds non-binary option

People entering the ballot to take part in next year's London Marathon will be able to identify themselves as non-binary on their application for the first time.

The option will also be offered to those applying to enter the mass-participation element of the marathon via other routes, including charity entries.

The change is being introduced following an extensive review and consultation by the organiser, London Marathon Events, in an effort to make the event "the most diverse, equitable and inclusive marathon in the world".

The elite races, as well as the Championship and Good for Age categories, will not have the option.

CRIME

Reward offered in hunt for Olivia killer

A £50,000 reward is being offered in the hunt for the killer of nine-year-old Olivia Pratt-Korbel.

The donation has been made by Lord Ashcroft, founder and chairman of Crimestoppers, and will be offered through the charity for information that leads to the conviction of those responsible for the schoolgirl's death.

Olivia was fatally shot in her home in Dovecot, Liverpool, on Monday 22 August.

Merseyside Police have arrested nine men as part of their investigation into her death but all have since been released on bail.

This week, officers have been searching at West Derby Golf Club for the two guns used in the attack.

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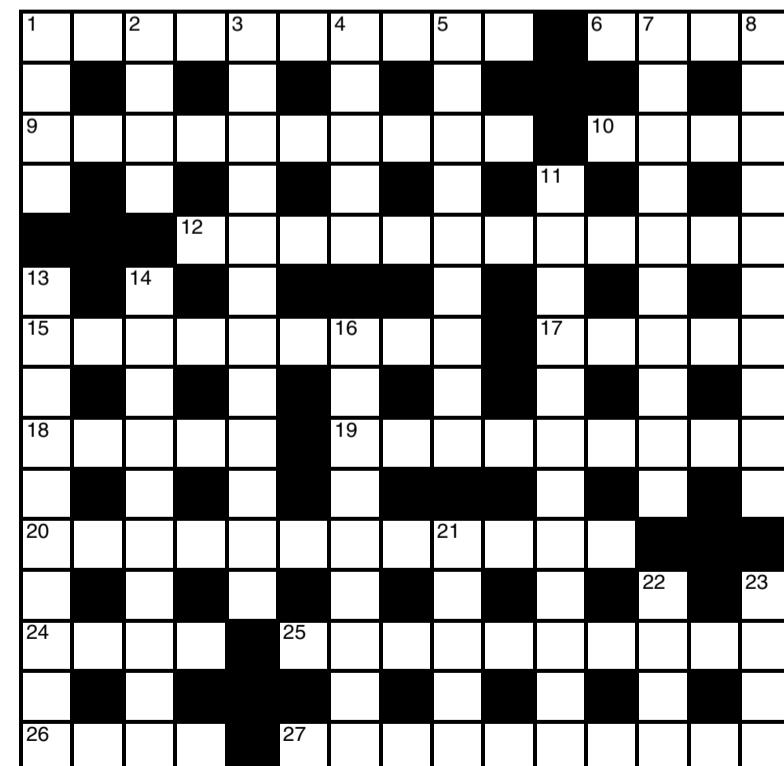
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In hope of safe harbour

An aerial view shows vessels moored at a fishing port in Zhoushan, in China's Zhejiang province, south of Shanghai, as Typhoon Muifa approaches

CHINA DAILY/REUTERS



LEBANON

Activist holds up bank with toy gun to withdraw her own trapped savings

By Kareem Chehayb

A woman accompanied by activists and brandishing what she said was a toy pistol has been hailed as a hero on social media after she broke into a Beirut bank branch yesterday, taking \$13,000 (£11,200) from her trapped savings.

Sali Hafez told the local Al-Jadeed TV that she needed the money to fund her sister's cancer treatment. She said she had repeatedly visited the bank to ask for her money and was told she could only receive \$200 a month in Lebanese pounds. Ms Hafez said the toy pistol belonged to her nephew.

"I had begged the branch manager before for my money, and I told him my sister was dying and didn't have much time left," she said in the interview. "I reached a point where I had nothing else to lose."

Lebanon's cash-strapped banks have imposed strict limits on withdrawals of foreign currency since 2019, tying up the savings of millions



Sali Hafez said she needed the cash to pay for her sister's cancer treatment

of people. About three-quarters of the population has slipped into poverty as the tiny Mediterranean country's economy continues to spiral.

Ms Hafez and activists from a group called the Depositors Outcry entered the Blom Bank branch and stormed into the manager's office. They forced bank employees to hand over \$12,000 in US currency and the equivalent of about \$1,000 in Lebanese pounds.

Ms Hafez said she had a total of

\$20,000 in savings trapped in that bank. She said she had already sold many of her personal belongings and had considered selling her kidney to fund her 23-year-old sister's cancer treatment.

Nadine Nakhal, a bank customer, said the intruders "doused gasoline everywhere inside, and took out a lighter and threatened to light it".

She said the woman with the pistol threatened to shoot the manager if she did not receive her money.

Ms Hafez said in a live-streamed video she posted on her Facebook account that she did not intend to do harm. "I did not break into the bank to kill anyone or set the place on fire," she said. "I am here to get my rights."

Ms Hafez was celebrated as a hero across social media in Lebanon, as many in the small crisis-hit country struggle to make ends meet and retrieve their savings. She encouraged others to take similar action to reclaim their savings.

Some of the activists entered the bank with Ms Hafez, while others

staged a protest at the entrance. Ms Hafez eventually left with cash in a plastic bag, witnesses said.

Security forces standing outside arrested several of the activists, including a man carrying what looked like a handgun. It was not immediately clear if this was also a toy gun.

Meanwhile, Alaa Khorchid, who heads the Depositors Outcry protest group, said that a man communicating and co-ordinating with the group broke into a bank in the mountainous town of Aley to retrieve his trapped savings. Local media reported that the man entered the BankMed branch alone with a shotgun with out any shells loaded, but was unable to retrieve his savings before he was apprehended.

{i} Lebanon's government has struggled to function in a caretaker capacity since May, and its recently elected parliament remains deeply divided.

PEOPLE

'No relaxing' for Williams as she 'evolves' from tennis

By Mike Bedigan

Serena Williams says that she "will not be relaxing" after playing what is likely to be her final competitive tennis match.

The multi-grand slam winner said that her reported "retirement" from the sport was "more of an evolution of Serena".

She bowed out of the third-round

of the US Open earlier this month in New York after losing in three sets to Ajla Tomljanovic.

Speaking on *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon* on US TV on Tuesday, Williams (inset) said: "I feel like I'm at an age where I definitely have a lot more to give and

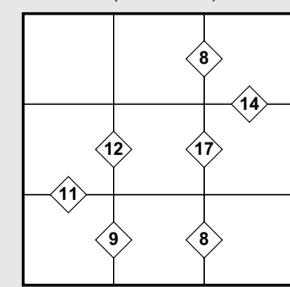


there's a lot more that I want to do so I'm not going to be relaxing, there's so much more for me."

She added: "There's so many things that I've been wanting to do for so many years and I've had such a passion for tennis for so long that I've never done them."

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UNITED STATES

FBI seized hard drive from Trump estate

By Eric Tucker

IN WASHINGTON

A US judge has unsealed additional portions of an FBI affidavit laying out the basis for a search of Donald Trump's Florida home.

It showed that FBI agents had obtained a hard drive after issuing a subpoena for surveillance footage recorded inside the former president's Mar-a-Lago estate.

A heavily redacted version of the affidavit was made public last month, but the Justice Department requested permission to show more of it after lawyers for Mr Trump revealed the existence of a June subpoena that sought footage from cameras in the vicinity of the Mar-a-Lago storage room.

The newly visible portions of the affidavit showed that FBI agents had observed 50 to 55 boxes of records in the storage room. The Trump Organisation provided a hard drive on 6 July, the affidavit says.

The Justice Department has been investigating Mr Trump for holding classified documents at Mar-a-Lago after he left the White House. AP



UNITED STATES

Starr's death 'complicated' for Lewinsky

By Hillel Italie

IN NEW YORK

Monica Lewinsky had a tempered, compassionate response to the death of Ken Starr, the former independent counsel whose investigation of Bill Clinton helped reveal her affair with the president and, she once wrote, made her life a "living hell".

"My thoughts about Ken Starr bring up complicated feelings," she tweeted on Tuesday after reports that Mr Starr (inset) had died at the age of 76.

"But of more importance, is that I imagine it's a painful loss for those who love him."

Ms Lewinsky was a White House intern in the mid-1990s, in her early twenties, when she began a relationship with Mr Clinton, one that Mr Starr would document in explicit detail.

Mr Starr died in hospital on Tuesday of complications from surgery, according to his former colleague, Mark Lanier. Mr Starr had been hospitalised in an intensive care unit in Houston, Texas, for about four months. AP



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GREECE

Zorba the Greek star dies at 96

The Greek actress and singer Irene Papas, who gained international recognition starring in classic 1960s films such as *Zorba the Greek* and *The Guns of Navarone*, has died at the age of 96, Greece's culture ministry said yesterday.

Ms Papas enjoyed a 50-year film career capped by John Madden's *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* in 2001, alongside Hollywood stars Nicolas Cage and Penélope Cruz, and Manoel de Oliveira's *A Talking Picture* in 2003, which was her final performance. REUTERS

SPAIN

Almodóvar pulls out of film

The Oscar-winning director Pedro Almodóvar says that he is withdrawing from his first English-language feature, *A Manual for Cleaning Women*, produced by and starring Cate Blanchett.

The Spanish film-maker, 72, told entertainment news website *Deadline Hollywood* that he was unable to handle the commitment.

"It has been a very painful decision for me," said Almodóvar, who won Oscars for *All About My Mother* and *Talk to Her*. "I have dreamt of working with Cate for such a long time.

"I no longer feel able to fully realise this film."

PAKISTAN

PM pledges cash to rebuild flood-hit homes

By Munir Ahmed

IN ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Prime Minister yesterday promised the country's homeless people that they will be paid to rebuild and return to their lives after the country's worst ever floods.

With winter just weeks away, half a million people are living in camps after being displaced by the flood, which destroyed 1.7 million homes.

So far, the government's priority has been to deliver food, tents and cash to the victims. The floods have killed 1,481 people and affected 33 million.

"We will do our best to financially help you so that you can rebuild homes", the Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif, told families living in tents and make-shift homes in Suhbatpur in Baluchistan. AP

Postcard From... Maddock

A woman walked into a North Dakota bar carrying a raccoon, leading officials to warn those who had contact with the animal about possible rabies exposure.

Bartender Cindy Smith said she was serving drinks at the Maddock Bar last week when a local brought in the animal. There were about 10 people in the saloon at the time, she said.

Ms Smith said she asked the woman to leave but instead she took the raccoon around the bar to show another customer. The woman departed after about five minutes.

"We finally got her out with

it," Ms Smith said. "It never left her arms, and there was absolutely no biting."

Maddock is town of about 500 people around 85 miles from the Canadian border.

In an alert, North Dakota's Health and Human Services Department is asking anyone who may have been bitten or had contact with the raccoon's saliva to seek medical care.

"Because rabies is such a serious disease with a nearly 100 per cent fatality rate, we are making this information available as a precautionary measure," epidemiologist Amanda Bakken said.

Six rabid animals have been reported in North Dakota this year, including two bats, two cats, one bovine and one skunk.

Ms Smith said: "I had no idea what she was thinking." AP

By Conrad Smith

CHINA

Food runs short as lengthy lockdown hits Xinjiang city

By Dake Kang
IN BEIJING

Residents of a city in China's far-western Xinjiang region say they are experiencing hunger, forced quarantines and dwindling supplies of medicine and daily necessities after more than 40 days in Covid lockdown.

Hundreds of posts from Ghulja drew the attention of users on Chinese social media last week, with residents sharing videos of empty fridges, feverish children and people shouting from their windows.

The dire conditions and food shortages are reminiscent of a harsh lockdown imposed in Shanghai earlier



Under China's 'zero-Covid' strategy, Ghulja has spent 40 days in lockdown

this year, when thousands of residents posted complaints online that they were delivered rotting vegetables or denied critical medical care.

But unlike in Shanghai, a glittering, cosmopolitan metropolis of 20 million people that is home to many foreigners, the harsh lockdowns in smaller cities such as Ghulja have received less attention until recently.

As more infectious variants of the coronavirus creep into China, flare-ups have become increasingly common. Under China's "zero-Covid" strategy, tens of millions of people are experiencing rolling lockdowns, paralysing the economy and making travel uncertain.

The lockdown in Ghulja is also evoking fears of police brutality among Uyghurs, the Turkic ethnic group native to Xinjiang. AP



Battling Mosquito Fire

Firefighter Christian Mendoza manages a backfire – flames lit to burn off vegetation in an effort to stave off an advancing blaze – while battling the Mosquito Fire in Placer County, California. It is currently the largest wildfire in the state. NOAH BERGER/AP

SOUTH CAUCASUS

Peace efforts stepped up in Azerbaijan and Armenia

By Gabrielle Tétrault-Farber
IN TBILISI

New clashes erupted between Azerbaijan and Armenia yesterday as international peace efforts intensified a day after nearly 100 soldiers were killed in the worst fighting between the ex-Soviet republics since 2020.

The Armenian defence ministry accused Azerbaijan, which is backed

politically and militarily by Turkey, of firing artillery and small arms in a fresh attack.

At least 49 Armenian and 50 Azerbaijani soldiers were killed on Tuesday along their border, prompting an appeal for calm from Russian President Vladimir Putin. Both sides blamed each other for the fighting.

The clashes have raised fears of another major conflict in the former

Soviet Union while Russia's military is focused on the invasion of Ukraine.

A full-fledged conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan would risk dragging in Russia and Turkey, and destabilise an important corridor for pipelines carrying oil and gas just as war in Ukraine disrupts energy supplies. Azerbaijan said two civilians had been injured since the clashes erupted.

FRANCE

Syria repatriation refusal attacked

The European Court of Human Rights ruled yesterday that France must re-examine repatriation requests from two French women who travelled to Syria with their partners to join Isis, and the children they gave birth to there.

The court ruled France's refusal to repatriate them was in violation of the rights to "enter the territory of the state of which [one] is a national". REUTERS

BRAZIL

Lula's lead over Bolsonaro falls

Former Brazilian president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's lead over incumbent President Jair Bolsonaro has narrowed ahead of the October election, a poll yesterday showed.

The challenger, known as Lula, would have 42 per cent support in a first-round vote against Mr Bolsonaro's 34 per cent. They were on 44 per cent and 34 per cent a week ago.

In an expected run-off, Lula's voters' support fell by 3 percentage points to 48 per cent. REUTERS

SYRIA

UN warns of renewed fighting

Syria's conflict is at risk of further escalation after several front lines flared up in recent months, the United Nations warned yesterday.

"Syria cannot afford a return to larger-scale fighting," said Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, chair of the UN's Syria commission.

The 50-page report found "grave violations of fundamental human rights" had increased over the past six months. REUTERS

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My Grandparents' War: **Kit Harington**

9pm, Channel 4

A second run of the series in which actors discuss their near-ancestors' experience of conflict. It begins with the Game of Thrones star Kit Harington (left) investigating his grandfather John Harington, who served alongside the James Bond creator Ian Fleming in naval intelligence. He was then recruited by MI5 and MI6 and later worked with notorious Russian double agent Kim Philby. Harington's grandmother, Lavender, also worked for the secret services, and he explores the stories of his maternal grandparents, Mick and Pippa Catesby, who fell in love during the Blitz just before Mick was sent to fight in Italy.

*** Saving Lives At Sea

8pm, BBC Two

On Ireland's north-west coast, the RNLI crew at Bundoran races to the rescue of a 13-year-old girl who has been swept out to sea by a notorious rip current (they move at 3ft per second and can drag a person far out to sea in minutes). Meanwhile, in Portishead, north Somerset, a man suffers serious chest injuries after falling 30ft from a cliff and needs to be rushed to hospital.

*** All That Glitters: Britain's Next Jewellery Star

9pm, BBC Two

"Curries, chocolate, roundabouts and a total absence of any five-star hotels," is Katherine Ryan's

summation of Britain's second city as the five quarter-finalists are asked to create a statement brooch inspired by Birmingham. The jewellers have to use contemporary materials, including string, concrete, Perspex and wood – "a trash to treasure challenge", as Ryan puts it. In the "bespoke" challenge, the quintet creates an ear cuff for hard-of-hearing TikTok star Elliot.

*** All Creatures Great And Small

9pm, Channel 5

The return of Channel 5's popular reboot of the period veterinary drama, starring Nicholas Ralph and Samuel West as James Herriot and Siegfried Farnon. Three months have passed and it is now spring 1939. Tristan (Callum Woodhouse) is a

qualified vet, while Herriot, having been made joint business partner by Farnon, pushes to take on more responsibility via the Ministry of Agriculture's new bovine TB testing scheme. And as a potential world war looms, all the Skeldale family have to consider their purpose in Darrowby and beyond.

*** Grand Designs

10pm, Channel 4

In a late replacement for Naked Attraction, which is presumably not deemed fitting for our sombre times, this is a repeat of a rather good Grand Designs episode in which Kevin McCloud follows a couple intending to build an enormous black minimalist building on a 19th-century Scottish country

	BBC ONE	BBC TWO	ITV	4	5	BBC FOUR	FILM	ITV2
Daytime	6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Animal Park (S) 10.45 The Farmers' Country Showdown (S) 11.15 Homes Under The Hammer (S) 12.15 Bargain Hunt (R) (S) 1.00 BBC News At One; Weather (S) 1.30 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 1.45 Doctors (S) 2.15 Money For Nothing (R) (S) 3.00 Escape To The Country (S) 3.45 The Bidding Room (R) (S) 4.30 Antiques Road Trip (S) 5.15 Pointless (S)	6.45 Bargain Hunt (R) (S) 7.30 Antiques Road Trip (R) (S) 8.15 Sign Zone: Fake Or Fortune? (R) (S) 9.15 Coast (R) (S) 10.00 BBC News (S) 1.00 Best Bakes Ever (R) (S) 1.45 BBC News (S)	6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) 9.00 Lorraine (S) 10.00 This Morning (S) 12.30 Loose Women (S) 1.30 ITV News; Weather (S) 1.55 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal (S) 3.00 Tenable (S) 3.59 ITV Regional Weather (S) 4.00 Tipping Point (S) 5.00 The Chase (S)	6.10 Countdown (R) (S) 6.50 3rd Rock From The Sun (R) (S) 7.15 3rd Rock From The Sun (R) (S) 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) 9.00 Frasier (R) (S) 9.30 Frasier (R) (S) 10.00 The Great House Giveaway (R) (S) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary (S) 12.30 Steph's Packed Lunch (S) 2.10 Countdown (S) 3.00 A Place In The Sun (R) (S) 4.00 Chateau DIY (S) 5.00 Moneybags (S)	6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) 12.45 Holiday Homes In The Sun (S) 1.40 5 News At Lunchtime (S) 1.45 Home And Away (S) 2.15 FILM: My Killer Twin (Max McGuire 2021) Thriller, starring Emily Piggford (S) 4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun (R) (S) 5.00 5 News At 5 (S)	 Katherine Ryan hosts as the jewellers make a bespoke ear cuff for a TikTok star 9pm, BBC Two	 Nicholas Ralph plays vet James Herriot 9pm, Channel 5	 An RNLI crew races to rescue a girl at sea 8pm, BBC Two
6pm	6.00 BBC News At Six; Weather (S) 6.30 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)	6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (S) 6.30 Unbeatable Hosted by Jason Manford (S)	6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.30 ITV News; Weather (S)	6.00 The Simpsons (R) (S) 6.30 Hollyoaks Sid tries to persuade Lizzie to go on holiday with him (R) (S)	6.00 Cash In The Attic Helping people make money (S)			6.00 World's Funniest Videos (S) 6.25 World's Funniest Videos (S) 7.00 Love Bites (S) 8.00 Secret Crush (S) 9.00 Veronica Mars (S) 10.00 One Tree Hill (S) 11.00 Hart Of Dixie (S) 12.00 Supermarket Sweep (S) 1.00 Family Fortunes (S) 2.00 The Masked Singer US (S) 3.05 Veronica Mars (S) 4.00 One Tree Hill (S) 5.00 Hart Of Dixie (S)
7pm	7.00 The One Show: Our Queen Remembered (S) 7.30 EastEnders Dotty makes a confession (S)	7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip In Lancashire (R) (S)	7.30 Emmerdale Kim is shocked to learn Hazel has been involved in a car accident (S)	7.00 Channel 4 News (S)	7.00 Costco: How Do They Really Do It? (R) (S)	7.00 Takaya: Lone Wolf Documentary following seven years in the life of a lone wolf (S)	7.15 FILM: Johnny English Strikes Again (David Kerr 2018) Spy comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson (S)	7.00 Secret Crush A woman tells her best friend she has a crush on him (S)
8pm	8.00 The Repair Shop (S) 8.30 Celebrity MasterChef (S)	8.00 Saving Lives At Sea A teenage girl is swept out to sea (S)	8.00 Emmerdale The police show Kim proof that Jamie is alive (S) 8.30 Emmerdale Kim is anxious (S)	8.00 George Clarke's Old House, New Home (R) (S)	8.00 Secrets Of Your Supermarket Shop Angellica Bell tests kitchen gadgets (S)	8.00 The Last Days Of Anne Boleyn (S)		8.00 Bob's Burgers Linda finds a potato that resembles her grandfather (S) 8.30 Bob's Burgers (S)
9pm	9.30 Celebrity MasterChef Well-known faces compete in the kitchen (S)	9.00 All That Glitters: Britain's Next Jewellery Star (S)	9.00 Coronation Street Leanne begs Toyah not to say something she will regret in court (S)	9.00 My Grandparents' War: Kit Harington New series (S)	9.00 All Creatures Great And Small New series. Return of the drama, starring Nicholas Ralph (S)	9.00 FILM: The Elephant Man (David Lynch 1980) Fact-based drama, starring John Hurt (S)	9.00 FILM: Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade (Steven Spielberg 1989) Action adventure (S)	9.00 Gordon, Gino And Fred: American Road Trip The trio arrive in Texas (S)
10pm	10.00 BBC News At Ten (S) 10.30 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 10.40 Question Time (S)	10.00 TOTP 1987 Classic chart-toppers and hits (S) 10.30 Newsnight (S)	10.00 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 10.45 Queen And Country (R) (S)	10.00 Grand Designs A couple plan to build a black minimalist house on a Scottish estate (R) (S)	10.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives In The Wild Ben meets a photographer living off the land in Oregon (R) (S)			10.00 Shopping With Keith Lemon With Sharon Osbourne and Aitch (S) 10.30 Family Guy (S)
11pm	11.40 Newscast; Weather (S)	11.15 Cricket: Women's T20 Highlights (S) 11.45 Days That Shook The BBC With David Dimbleby (R) (S)	11.40 Bradley & Barney Walsh: Breaking Dad The actor and his son embark a 3,000-mile journey (R) (S)	11.05 Britain's Most Expensive Houses Jason has personal reasons for winning a property (R) (S)	11.05 Police: Night Shift 999 Officers are called to a fight in a takeaway and arrest four men (R) (S)	11.00 The Sky At Night (S) 11.30 Afghanistan: The Great Game - A Personal View By Rory Stewart (S)	11.35 FILM: Wind River (Taylor Sheridan 2017) Crime drama, starring Jeremy Renner (S)	11.00 Family Guy Lois tires of Peter's disappointing performances (S) 11.30 American Dad! (S)
Late	12.15 BBC News (S)	12.45 Stolen: Catching The Art Thieves (R) (S) 1.45 Sign Zone: The Queen & I (R) (S) 2.45 Sign Zone: The Longest Reign: The Queen And Her People (R) (S) 3.45 This Is BBC Two (S)	12.10 Shop: Ideal World 3.00 Bling (R) (S) 3.50 Unwind With ITV (S) 5.05 Ainsley's Mediterranean Cookbook (R) (S)	12.10 First Dates Hotel (R) (S) 1.05 Finding The Cornish Dream (R) (S) 2.00 FILM: Village Rockstars (Rima Das 2017) Premiere. Drama, with Bhanita Das (S) 3.30 The Queen: Mother and Monarch (R) (S)	12.05 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders (R) (S) 1.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts (R) (S) 2.00 999: Critical Condition (R) (S) 3.00 What a Treat! Our Favourite Sweets (R) (S)	12.30 Afghanistan: The Great Game - A Personal View By Rory Stewart (S) 1.30 Takaya: Lone Wolf (S) 2.30 Mars - A Traveller's Guide: Horizon (S) 3.30 Close	1.45 FILM: Moffie (Oliver Hermanus 2019) Premiere. Romantic war drama, starring Kai Luke Brummer (S) 4.00 Close	12.00 American Dad! (S) 12.30 Bob's Burgers (S) 1.30 Iain Stirling's CelebAbility (S) 2.15 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) 2.45 Unwind With ITV (S) 3.00 Teleshopping

estate. Spoiler alert: they do a great job in not scaring the neighbours.

Afghanistan: The Great Game - A Personal View By Rory Stewart

11.30pm, BBC Four

Another chance to catch two documentaries asking why Afghanistan has become an unlikely target for the world's superpowers to invade. MP Rory Stewart – a deputy governor during the coalition's occupation of Iraq – uncovers the fears, paranoia and perceived threats that have led Britain, Russia and the US into the country from the 19th century to the present day. He begins with the first British invasion of Afghanistan, in 1838, and the three Anglo-Afghan wars that followed.

FILM CHOICE

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FILM OF THE DAY The Elephant Man

9pm, BBC Four

(David Lynch, 1980) John Hurt (left) gives a moving performance beneath all the rubber make-up, playing John Merrick as a dignified man with a gentle nature, despite the severely disfiguring birth defect and the lifetime of abuse and humiliation. Anthony Hopkins plays the doctor who rescues Merrick from the freak show and introduces him to polite Victorian society and the esteemed fellows of the London Hospital and the Royal Society. David Lynch, fresh from the success of his nightmarish black-and-white art film *Eraserhead*, brings to bear some of the same atmospherics in his distinctive rendition of Victorian London as a steam-powered inferno.

The Net

6.50pm, Great! Movies

(Irwin Winkler, 1995) Nothing dates faster than an up-to-the-minute cyber-thriller, and few have dated as poorly as this one with Sandra Bullock as a computer wizard who has her identity stolen by hackers. It's terrific fun, though.

Wind River

11.35pm, Film4

(Taylor Sheridan, 2017) Elizabeth Olsen and Jeremy Renner investigate the death of a young woman on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming, in another very involving, tough and bleak crime drama from the writer of *Sicario* and *Hell Or High Water*.

ON DEMAND

Obi-Wan Kenobi: A Jedi's Return

Disney+
The making of the Star Wars series starring Ewan McGregor.

Gutsy

Apple TV+
Hillary and Chelsea Clinton meet some brave women.

Riot: The Week England Burned

Mys
The unrest that hit cities across the UK in 2011.

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6.00 Classic Coronation Street (S). **6.35** Classic Coronation Street (S). **7.00** Classic Emmerdale (S). **7.30** Classic Emmerdale (S). **8.05** That's My Boy (S). **8.40** That's My Boy (S). **9.15** The Royal (S). **10.25** The Royal (S). **11.30** Heartbeat (S). **1.40** Classic Emmerdale (S). **2.10** Classic Coronation Street (S). **2.45** Classic Coronation Street (S). **3.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot (S). **4.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot (S).



6.00 Heartbeat An ex-con with a score to settle arrives in the village. Drama, starring Duncan Bell (S).

7.00 Heartbeat A farming couple go missing, leaving Jenny and Liz to look after their children (S).

8.00 Vera The DCI pieces together the final hours of a murder victim (S).

9.00 Married At First Sight UK Wedding bells chime once more, as two new couples meet (S).

10.00 Professor T Jasper befriends a vulnerable girl and is convinced she may be a witness (S).

11.05 Professor T An attempt is made on a billionaire businessman's life (S).

12.10 The Royal (S). **1.10** The Royal (S). **2.10** Unwind With ITV (S). **2.30** Teleshopping



6.00 Hollyoaks (S). **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S). **8.00** Black-ish (S). **8.30** Black-ish (S). **9.00** How I Met Your Mother (S). **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (S). **10.30** The Big Bang Theory (S). **11.00** Young Sheldon (S). **11.30** Young Sheldon (S). **12.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (S). **12.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (S). **1.00** The Big Bang Theory (S). **1.30** The Big Bang Theory (S). **2.00** The Big Bang Theory (S). **2.30** The Big Bang Theory (S). **3.00** Young Sheldon (S). **3.30** Young Sheldon (S). **4.00** Married At First Sight UK (S). **5.30** The Big Bang Theory (S).



8.55 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures (S). **9.15** A Place In The Sun: Home Or Away (S). **10.05** A Place In The Sun: Home Or Away (S). **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It (S). **12.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It (S). **1.10** Heir Hunters (S). **2.10** Four In A Bed (S). **2.40** Four In A Bed (S). **3.15** Four In A Bed (S). **3.50** Four In A Bed (S). **4.20** Four In A Bed (S). **4.50** Find It, Fix It, Flog It (S).



6.00 Stargate SG-1 (R) (S). **7.00** Stargate SG-1 (R) (S). **8.00** The Flash (R) (S). **9.00** DC's Legends Of Tomorrow (R) (S). **10.00** Supergirl (R) (S). **11.00** NCIS: New Orleans (R) (S). **12.00** NCIS: New Orleans (R) (S). **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 (R) (S). **2.00** MacGyver (R) (S). **3.00** DC's Legends Of Tomorrow (R) (S). **4.00** The Flash (R) (S). **5.00** Supergirl (R) (S).

Radio

BBC Radio 1

6.57am Newsbeat **7.00** Radio 1 Breakfast With Greg James **10.30** Newsbeat **10.32** Rickie, Melvin And Charlie **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Dean And Vicki **3.30** Newsbeat **3.32** Going Home With Vick And Jordan **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1's Future Sounds With Clara Amfo **8.00** Radio 1's Future Pop With Mollie King **9.00** BBC Inside Science **9.30** In Our Time **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Reflections On Majesty **11.00** Your Place Or Mine **11.30** The Digital Human **12.00** News And Weather **1.30** Book Of The Week: A Visible Man **12.45** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As BBC World Service **5.20** Shipping Forecast **5.30** News Briefing **5.43** Prayer For The Day **5.45** Farming Today **5.58** Tweet Of The Day

BBC Radio 1Xtra

6am Battle Of The Mixes **6.30** Battle Of The Mixes **7.00** Swarzy 10.00 Ace **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Remi Burgz **4.00** Reece Parkinson **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Reece Parkinson **7.00** Sian Anderson **9.00** Seani B **11.00** Amapiano To AfroHouse **12.00** 1Xtra Salutes. **2.00** 1Xtra's R&B Chill Mix **3.00** Battle Of The Mixes **4.00** Future Wave With Complexion **5.00** Amapiano To AfroHouse

BBC Radio 2

6.30am The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Ken Bruce **12noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Steve Wright In The Afternoon **5.00** Sara Cox **7.00** Jo Whiley **9.00** Her Majesty's Music **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation **12.00** OJ Borg **3.00** Radio 2 Unwinds With Angela Griffin **4.00** Early Breakfast Show

BBC Radio 3

6.30am Breakfast **9.00** Essential Classics **12noon** Composer Of The Week: Bruckner **1.00** Radio 3 Luncheon Concert **2.00** Afternoon Concert **5.00** In Tune **7.00** In Tune Mixtape **7.30** Radio 3 In Concert **10.00** Free Thinking **10.45** The Essay. **11.00** The Night Tracks Mix.

A sonic journey featuring music from the BBC archives. **11.30** Unclassified. Music by an exciting new generation of composers. **12.30** Through The Night. Imogen Cooper plays Schubert.

BBC Radio 4

6am Today **9.00** In Our Time **9.45** Book Of The Week: A Visible Man **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** Crossing Continents **11.30** Once Upon A Time **12.00** News **12.04** You And Yours **12.30** All Consuming **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World At One **1.45** Reflections On Majesty **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: Murmuration **3.00** Ramblings **3.27** Radio 4 Appeal **3.30** Open Book **4.00** The Curious Cases Of Rutherford & Fry **4.30** The Digital Human **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** Six O'Clock News **6.30** Michael Spicer: Before

Next Door: An odd A-List invite for the Room Next Door Man and an audition – to play a cheesy string. Last in the series. **7.00** The Archers. David discovers some interesting information and Lynda hatches a plan. **7.15** Front Row Arts. **8.00** The Briefing Room **8.30** The Blind Astronomer **9.00** BBC Inside Science **9.30** In Our Time **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Reflections On Majesty **11.00** Your Place Or Mine **11.30** The Digital Human **12.00** News And Weather **1.00** Book Of The Week: A Visible Man **12.45** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As BBC World Service **5.20** Shipping Forecast **5.30** News Briefing **5.43** Prayer For The Day **5.45** Farming Today **5.58** Tweet Of The Day

Mystery 8.30 Agatha Raisin **9.00** Desert Island Discs **9.45** David Attenborough's Life Stories **10.00** Comedy Club: Michael Spicer: Before Next Door **10.30** Comedy Club: Craig Brown's Lost Diaries **10.55** Comedy Club: The Comedy Club Interview **11.00** Comedy Club: The Consultants **11.30** Comedy Club: Weak At The Top **12.00** The Slide **12.30** Great Lives **1.00** Paul Temple And The Jonathan Mystery **1.30** Agatha Raisin **2.00** Adventures Of A Young Naturalist **2.45** Eleanor Rising **2.30** In Search Of The Singing Postman **3.00** Devonia **3.45** Short Works **4.00** The History Of Brazil Is Round **4.15** Betsy And Napoleon **4.30** Trevor's World Of Sport **5.00** To Hull And Back **5.30** Michael Spicer: Before Next Door

BBC 5 Live

6am 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** Nicky Campbell **11.00** Adrian Chiles **1pm** Nick Bright **4.00** 5 Live Drive **7.00** 5 Live Sport **7.30** 5 Live Sport **8.00** 5 Live Sport **9.00** 5 Live Sport: The Euro Leagues Podcast **10.00** Colin Murray **1am** Dotun Adebayo **5.00** The Big Green Money Show **5.30** Wake Up To Money

BBC 6 Music

7.30am Lauren Laverne **10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs **1pm** Craig Charles **4.00** Steve Lamacq **7.00** Tom Robinson **9.00** Gideon Coe **12.00** New Music Fix With Steve Lamacq **1.00** New Music Fix With Mary Anne Hobbs **2.00** New Music Fix With Tom Ravenscroft **3.00** New Album Fix **4.00** New Music Fix Playlist **5.00** The Remix With Chris Hawkins **5.30** Chris Hawkins

Classic FM

6am More Music Breakfast **9.00** Alexander Armstrong **12noon** Anne-Marie Minhall **4.00** John Brunning **7.00** Smooth Classics At Seven **10.00** Smooth Classics **1am** Karthi Gnanasaram **4.00** Early Breakfast

Absolute Radio

6am Dave Berry **10.00** Leona Graham **1pm** Ben Burrell **4.00** Bush And Richie **7.00** Danielle Perry **10.00** Jay Lawrence **1am** Dan Noble

Heart

6.30am Heart Breakfast With Jamie Theakston And Amanda Holden **10.00** Pandora Christie **1pm** Matt Wilkinson **4.00** JK And Kelly Brook **7.00** Heart's Feel Good Weekend With Dev Griffin **10.00** Fia Tarrant **1am** Simon Beale **4.00** Early Breakfast With James Stewart

TalkSPORT

6am TalkSPORT Breakfast With Alan Brazil, Ally McCoist And Gabby Agbonlahor **10.00** Jim White And Simon Jordan **1pm** Hawksbee & Baker **4.00** TalkSPORT Drive With Andy Goldstein And Darren Bent **7.00** Kick Off **10.00** Sports Bar **1am** Extra Time **5.00** Early Breakfast

Pick of the day

Once Upon A Time
11.30am, BBC Radio 4
Mel Harris discusses how children's books can help people face death and grief, and what support might children find in literature.

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Noah Cyrus

The singer on drug addiction, her famous family and her debut LP

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HBO's feminist comedy drama is more irritating than empowering

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Ali has suffered depression since she was 12 years old. Now a trained paediatric nurse living in Bristol, she has taken antidepressants and other medication for most of her adult life. In her late twenties, after the death of a close friend, Ali's depression spiralled and she was unable to continue working. Trapped at home, she was gaining weight from the drugs she was prescribed as well as having recurring nightmares and sleep paralysis.

"I was in a desperate place," Ali recalls. "I had tried all sorts of therapies and medications. I was on really high doses. I think my mental health team didn't know what else to do with me." In 2019, Ali joined a trial being run by David Nutt, a professor of neuropsychopharmacology at Imperial College, and Robin Carhart-Harris, the head of Imperial's Centre for Psychedelic Research, testing psilocybin – the main active ingredient in magic mushrooms – alongside psychotherapy, in 59 people with moderate to severe depression.

During her first psilocybin trip, Ali experienced euphoria and a kind of "spaciousness" that was in sharp contrast to the insular, crushing feelings of depression. She recalls wandering outside her own body through a cathedral-like building. In her second dosing session she "travelled" through different landscapes and memories and was reunited with her deceased friend. "I floated as a river with her for what felt like hours. It was a way of saying goodbye because I didn't get to do that."

These psychedelic experiences were life-affirming for Ali, and they liberated her from myopic ways of thinking: "I felt like myself for the first time in a long time. I wasn't completely free from my depression, but I was able to start seeing the good in life again and enjoy things," she says. "I promised myself that I was going to try to live, and to enjoy life."

During the trial, Professor Nutt and his colleagues found that psilocybin, when used in conjunction with therapy, produced rapid anti-depressant effects. It was as effective as escitalopram (used to treat depression) and scored better in two areas: participants reported a better sense of "wellbeing" and 58 per cent of them were considered to be in remission six weeks after treatment, compared with 28 per cent in the escitalopram group.

Professor Nutt has been researching psilocybin for about 20 years but interest in psychedelic treatments is becoming more mainstream. Research from King's College London, published in January, evaluated the safety of therapy using psilocybin in the largest randomised controlled trial of psilocybin in the UK to date; documentaries such as Michael Pollan's *How to Change Your Mind* are reaching new audiences on Netflix; and this month Europe's first commercial facility for psychedelic drug trials is opening in central London.

Situated in an Edwardian townhouse off Harley Street, the clinic is a bland place with revolutionary aims. Apart from its calming décor and opaque curtains, there are few indications that it is a site where participants will experience mind-bending drug trips. But while the new era of psychedelic research might have its roots in the hippie communes of the 1960s, and the "turn on, tune in, drop out" mantras of the American



'The self-doubt in my head floated away'

Psychedelic-assisted therapy is moving into the medical mainstream. Can it offer hope where other mental health treatments have failed? By **Will Moffit**



The first trials in the Harley Street premises, scheduled to begin in October, will test the effects of psilocybin, along with psychotherapy, on about 60 cancer patients struggling with terminal diagnoses. After three sessions of psychotherapy, half will receive the drug and half a placebo. The trial is being conducted on behalf of the Toronto-based biotech company, Psyence.

Using these drugs for psychiatric therapy isn't new. Humphrey Osmond - an English psychiatrist who tried to cure alcoholism with LSD - coined the term "psychedelic" in 1956 in a letter to writer and mescaline user Aldous Huxley.

The same year British psychiatrist Ronald Sandison was working in the world's first purpose-built LSD unit at Powick psychiatric hospital near Malvern in Worcestershire, using the substance to help treat depression and schizophrenia.

In the late 60s and early 70s, countries including the US and UK moved to make the use of LSD and psilocybin illegal. In the UK, the Misuse of Drugs Act (1973) also restricted medicinal use. Both substances remain Class A, schedule 1 listed drugs, meaning that they are illegal and officially classified as having "no medical use". The ruling has severely restricted, but not prohibited, clinical research into the ways psychedelics can influence the mind.

Clerkenwell is not the first organisation in the UK to experiment with mind-altering substances, but it is the first commercially funded venture to conduct clinical trials on its premises. Having a specialist facility for psychedelic drug trials is essential to help bring new treatments to market, says co-founder and chief scientific officer, Henry Fisher.

"A drug development company wants to run a clinical trial as quickly, efficiently, and safely as possible," he says. "It's not just about giving someone a drug. The therapy is a vital and fundamental component to the intervention, as is the setting in which it's delivered."

Like Ali, Ian Roullier, 45, has also taken psilocybin as part of a previous clinical pilot that was run by Imperial College London in 2015. After suffering for years from anxiety and depression, Mr Roullier hit rock bottom in 2014. As a journalist, he had worked himself to the point of exhaustion and was feeling burnt out. He had taken various types of antidepressants but they only made him "feel numb and lifeless". After hearing about the trial he enlisted, desperate to see if psilocybin-assisted therapy could help.

Mr Roullier describes the ordeal as a visceral and challenging exercise. During his hallucinatory trip, he engaged with feelings and emotions he had been avoiding for years.

"It was a *Wizard of Oz* moment," Mr Roullier recalls. "That doesn't mean that everything was rosy and beautiful, but my anxiety and depression had lifted. I approached situations openly, the self doubt, and self recrimination in my head had faded away."

Psilocybin's potential as a thera-

psychologist Timothy Leary and his LSD acolytes, today's practitioners are rigorous, data-driven scientists.

A team of around a dozen scientists, psychotherapists and clinicians will step into this newly renovated facility this month to launch Clerkenwell Health, a commercial contract research organisation that has been founded to facilitate clinical trials to test psychedelics for drug developers.

"If you listen to the psychedelic purists of the 60s, the only 'setting' is a hut in the middle of the Amazonian jungle, but that's been a challenge to reproduce in central London," Emilio Arbe, Clerkenwell's chief medical officer, tells i.

"Since the ultimate aim is to bring these treatments to mainstream psychiatry, we've moved away from anything too exotic."

Psilocybin creates this opportunity, where the person is receptive to therapy



FAST FACTS TRIAL FINDINGS

Psychedelic-assisted therapies don't work for everyone, and researchers do not yet understand exactly **how they work** when they do.

Small studies have shown reductions in symptoms of **depression and anxiety** among people who have had a psychedelic experience, with one showing therapy using psilocybin could help those with treatment-resistant depression.

A 2020 review of four major studies into treatment using MDMA showed it to be moderately effective in treating **post-traumatic stress**.

Psychedelic-assisted therapies have shown initial promise in treating **addiction**. Psilocybin alongside CBT significantly increased the chances of giving up smoking.



Emilio Arbe, the chief medical officer of Clerkenwell Health, with a patient and, below, Henry Fisher who co-founded the company GREG HOLLAND

of opportunity, where the person is very open and more receptive to therapy," she adds. But she stresses that psychedelic-assisted therapy is a highly challenging form of psychiatric care, and carries significant risks. After all, these substances are powerful and unpredictable.

"We're being very robust, scientific and evidence-based," Dr Bateup says. "We also think that it's very important to strip out the symbolism that comes with psychedelics. If this is a medicine of the future, then it needs to be fit for world health systems... it's our responsibility to do high-quality research, and show people that we're boring scientists and clinicians, not people that have done too many drugs."

There is a growing interest in using other drugs, such as MDMA and ketamine, for mental health treatments. Awakn, a biotechnology company with clinics in Bristol and London, is researching the potential for ketamine and MDMA to treat alcoholism, gambling addiction, binge eating and sex addiction. In the US, treatments that include MDMA are likely to be approved soon for patients with post-traumatic stress disorder, though regulator approval in the UK will probably take longer. Meanwhile, Compass Pathways, a mental health care company and developer of a synthesised psilocybin, has this year announced a collaboration with King's College Hospital and South London and Maudsley NHS trust to accelerate research into emerging psychedelic therapies.

In order to ensure that

Clerkenwell delivers safe and beneficial treatments, Dr Bateup has devised a training programme to help therapists work with a range of psychedelic compounds. The screening process has been extremely rigorous. "We're looking for scientists and practitioners who can reflect on their work, take feedback, and always want to be learning," she says.

It is this thorough approach that Mr Roullier has also sought to champion. In 2021, he set up the Psychedelic Participant Advocacy Network (PsyPAN) with Leonie Schneider, another participant in the second Imperial trial. The non-profit group aims to connect a global network of participants in psychedelic trials. By pooling their experiences, they

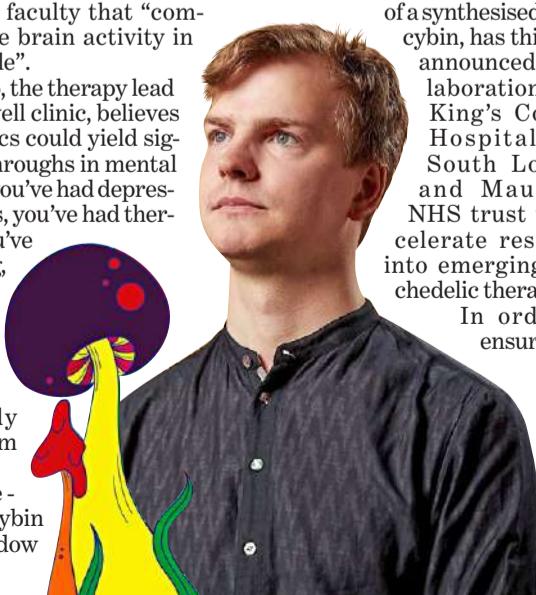
hope to help clinicians create more effective treatment, and improve participant safety and wellbeing.

Although trials do indicate some success, they are limited and working with a small number of patients. "These treatments may be very effective tools but it's very important to push back a bit," Mr Roullier says. "We've gone from 'these drugs drive you mad' to 'these drugs could cure this condition for ever'." He stresses that, even when psychedelics do work, they are not a quick fix. Mr Roullier still suffers with depression, but has not taken antidepressants since taking part in a second psilocybin trial in 2019, and regularly attends counselling.

"I'm living proof that one trial doesn't fix you for ever. Psychedelics have huge potential, but it would be simplistic to say that they are the answer to the mental health crisis," Mr Roullier says.

For Dr Bateup, while psychedelic-assisted therapy is a challenging and nascent field, the biggest gamble would be to do nothing. "Our mental health care system is pitiful and it's getting worse. Treatment outcomes have stagnated. Nobody's invented anything new," she says.

"There's a big group of people who are really suffering, and this could be something that makes a huge difference to them. That's what I want. That's what it's all about."





Have you got a tattoo? Or are you unable to comprehend why anyone would interact with needles any more than is medically necessary?

However inked – or not – you are, there's plenty to engage the mind in this series from self-confessed "tattoo enthusiast" Thomas O'Mahony and Dr Matt Lodder, who has devoted his academic career to studying tattoos and their significance. In the show, the pair explore history through the lens of tattooing, talking listeners through how what we choose to adorn our bodies with says a huge amount about politics and society.

Episodes cover everything from tattooing in the prehistoric age to why it's a myth that Captain Cook discovered the art form.

Gwendolyn Smith

“I look back at interviews and see I was high”

As she releases her debut album, Noah Cyrus, sister of Miley, talks to Alim Kheraj about family, addiction and despair

As a member of one of the most famous families in America, Noah Cyrus was used to living life publicly. But in 2020, it went too far. “I had been in interviews and now I look back and I look at my eyes and I was high,” says the 22-year-old, whose father Billy Ray and sister Miley have been famous for most of her life. She had become addicted to Xanax, a benzodiazepine medication used to treat anxiety and panic disorders.

“It was very clear that I had been struggling for a while,” she says. “Especially to my fans. There was no way that nobody hadn’t noticed odd behaviour or put something together from the things I was sharing on my Instagram stories. I felt like I was broadcasting so much of my life.”

That said, as a musician, Cyrus has always veered towards unflinching honesty. Ever since releasing her 2016 debut single, a weird pop curio called “Make Me (Cry)” featuring the British singer Labrinth, the youngest of the Cyrus clan has carved a niche for herself away from the megawatt celebrity of her sister, thanks to her distinctive voice and intimate brand of emo-pop. It was often so unfiltered that it almost felt voyeuristic, like you’d accidentally tapped into a live stream of someone’s therapy session.

This was most apparent on 2020’s brilliant *The End of Everything* EP, on which she moved away from a manicured pop palette into something raw around the edges. Tracing her experiences with isolation, depression, self-hatred and self-sabotage, songs like “I Got So High That I Saw Jesus” and her break-out single “July”, which went Gold in the UK, showed Cyrus leaning into her country music pedigree – “Young & Sad” even featured a voice note from her country musician father.





Noah Cyrus (centre) is finding her own voice, having grown up in a star family with her sister Miley (left) and father Billy Ray (right) HANNAH FRIEDLAND: GETTY

Yet listen to "Lonely", in which Cyrus desperately cries out "please someone help me", and it is hard not to picture someone wrestling with a crushing sense of despair. Earlier this year, Cyrus confirmed in an interview with *Rolling Stone* that she had been in recovery since late 2020 for her addiction to Xanax.

Cyrus started experimenting with the drug when she was 18, but it was during the Covid-19 lockdown that it began to spiral out of control. "When I wrote 'Lonely', I was taking Xanax and was on pills, but it really was at its worst during the pandemic," she says. "We were all extremely lonely. I was lonely, although I wasn't by myself; I was in a relationship where we were both co-dependent on each other and on substances. That causes a really unhealthy relationship."

Cyrus hasn't shared details about exactly what led her to seek treatment, nor about the early months of her recovery. But it was during this period that she met her new manager, Mookie Singerman, who also manages the singer Caroline Polachek. "I'm lucky that I met someone who was so supportive and caring towards me, and who really cared about helping me in my career, but also personally, too," Cyrus says of her manager. "I found a lot of love there."

Six months into Cyrus's recovery, Singerman introduced her to the Irish producer and songwriter Mike Crossey, who has previously worked with the Arctic Monkeys and The 1975. The songs the pair created during that period make up Cyrus's debut album *The Hardest Part*, a profound, understated and contemplative collection in which she traverses her experiences with addiction, co-dependency, family and her own mortality.

The title track, "Hardest Part", details a trip back to Nashville, where she spent the day on the family farm with her father. "We had been through a lot, both me personally and as a family, but we didn't want to ruin our good day by talking about it," she recalls.

"It was a day where I felt like I was a kid again, but... like there was something behind our eyes. It just felt like every time I came back home, emotionally everything had changed. I wrote about this amazing trip that I had with my dad, how hard it was for it to end, how I wished that it could have lasted for ever and how hard it is to grow up."

Other songs make allusions to a toxic relationship Cyrus experienced.

The Fleetwood Mac-esque "Mr Perceot" highlights the destructive nature of co-dependency and addiction. She can be barbed, too: on "I Just Want a Lover" Cyrus compares her lover to what she perceives to be the brokenness of America.

"I think if there's one thing that the majority of us can all agree on, [it] is that we've been going through a very devastating two years," Cyrus says of the song. She points to the overturning of Roe v Wade, which left her feeling "extremely hopeless and scared".

"There was one day in history that I could kind of relate it to in Los Angeles, which was when Trump had won the election," she adds. "There was just kind of this silence and grief that was in the air. It was like that again."

There is an air of resignation to the song, though. Cyrus appears unable to see a solution to America's issues, nor to her own self-destructive proclivities, which include staying in damaging relationships. It's a theme that runs throughout *The Hardest Part*.

"I do look at life as the glass being half empty," she admits. "I've always been very fearful of the end. I'm always afraid someone's going to leave. It's really hard for me to sit and be where I am and enjoy that moment because I'm already fearing that it's over."

Still, she says that writing and recording the album has shifted her perspective somewhat. "Something that really hurt me as a child was that I was stripped of my identity," she says, alluding to growing up under the shadow of her older sister.

"I had no name, at all. But as I've grown as a musician, especially in the past three years, I would say that bothered me less and less. I might be doing things that other people in my family do, but I'm doing it in a way that is mine. I think with this album I've healed a part of me."

She quotes the advice that the singer John Mayer gave her, which helped to solidify it all. "He told me to keep writing songs that will last for ever," Cyrus says. "I've held on to everything he said to me. Whether or not people respond to the songs on this album like they did to 'July', to me they're just as special. I put just as much into them and I love them so much."


'The Hardest Part' is released tomorrow

Last night's television

EMILY WATKINS

I felt more indignant than empowered by sugar-sweet 'Minx'

» *Minx* HBO Max, ★★★★☆

HOBO Max's new comedy-drama *Minx*, about the launch of a feminist porn magazine in 1970s California, teeters dangerously close to reproducing the backwards thinking that it tries to skewer.

On one side of its moral binary, pornographers fight valiantly for liberation, empowerment and pleasure; on the other, puritanical and censorious forces – with motivations ranging from evangelical Christianity to feminism – strive to ruin all the fun. It ultimately left me feeling more indignant than empowered.

Minx's main problem is its protagonist Joyce (played admirably by Ophelia Lovibond). After an exasperating day pitching her feminist magazine at a publishers' convention with no interest except from rakish porn mogul Doug Renetti (Jake Johnson), Joyce recounts her experience to boyfriend Glenn (Michael Angarano).

Frustrated at her incorrigible determination, Glenn reveals that he's been waiting for Joyce to abandon her ambitions and settle down.

With no option but to leave Glenn and take Doug up on his offer, joyless Joyce is forced into allegiance with a man who she believes to represent her cause's greatest enemy.

As usual, she's totally wrong, and



The main problem with 'Minx' is the character of joyless Joyce, played admirably by Ophelia Lovibond

(yay!), she has little choice but to get with the programme.

As the series continues, it reveals an America in which the real damage to women's equality is happening in board-rooms and halls of government rather than on porn sets; one of *Minx*'s best scenes sees Joyce confronting her country club's owner about his underhanded offer to exchange financial support for sexual favours.

All the sex and shouting makes for a zingy set up, but although it makes a change to see a pop-feminist protagonist undergo a meaningful character arc rather than emerge full-formed, Joyce's griping feels more frustrating than refreshing – not least because of its inconsistencies.

Doug emerges to be as unbelievably right-on as Joyce is out of touch.

An unlikely idyll of equality in a frothing sea of prejudice, Doug's porn empire boasts black and gay employees as well as an army of empowered female performers. Caught between its sugar-sweet script and a didactic impulse to rewrite American history, *Minx* reacts to that tension by gliding smoothly over its Technicolor surface.

Never short of a pithy quip to short-circuit her prudish pontificating – "Do you hate sex?" – Doug offers lots of teachable moments for Joyce while holding the power to make her dream come true – so when he suggests that they intersperse Joyce's articles about menstruation and marital rape (yawn) with nude male models

Struggling to come to terms with the magazine's sex toy sponsor, Joyce reveals herself to be not only sexually inexperienced but also surprisingly judgemental about masturbation for someone so committed to female empowerment. As the episode draws to a close and Joyce retreats to her room with a toy of her own, it's hard not to hear an all-too familiar refrain in the final scenes – does Joyce really just need a "good seeing to"? Is that what this purportedly pro-women show is telling me?

For all its sex-positive posturing, the sum of *Minx*'s parts is surprisingly free of nuance – but there I go again, overthinking things! Typical feminist killjoy.

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It was clear that I had been struggling for a while, especially to my fans

Quote of the day



It marks a new level of the growing trend of blaming the civil servants and dismissing them. I think that is really problematic

Lord Robert Kerslake
Former civil servant on
the sacking of Treasury
official Sir Tom Scholar

ECONOMY

Fall in inflation won't stop huge rate rise, Bank warns

By David Connett and Joe Duggan

UK shares slumped after a surprise fall in inflation did little to quell speculation of a large interest rate rise from the Bank of England next week.

The top-flight FTSE 100 slid 1.5 per cent and the more domestically orientated FTSE 250 fell 1.7 per cent. The falls, the second in as many days, followed high inflation figures from the US which sparked a global equities sell-off.

Inflation rose by 9.9 per cent in the 12 months to August 2022, down from 10.1 per cent in July, but remained close to a 40-year high.

Fresh figures from the Office for National Statistics showed the Consumer Prices Index – the Government's preferred measure of inflation – fell below 10 per cent last month as driving costs began to tumble.

"The market is taking the view that generally we're living in a higher inflation regime despite these inflation numbers," Andrea Cicione, from research group TS Lombard, said.

"One data point doesn't make a trend and inflation could actually get worse in months to come. So the Bank of England will want to see a definite trend of lower inflation before they start reining back the hawkish rhetoric."

Traders believe there is a strong likelihood of a 75 basis point interest

{i} The Bank of England said it would **delay publication of its monthly lending data** by a day until 30 September, because of the public holiday to mark the Queen's state funeral.

rate increase to 2.5 per cent by the Bank next week – its biggest rate rise since 1989, excluding efforts to bolster sterling during a 1992 exchange rate crisis. Financial markets expect Bank rates to peak around 4.5 per cent in the middle of next year.

Core inflation – which strips out fuel, food, alcohol and tobacco and is closely monitored by the Bank – rose from 6.2 per cent to 6.3 per cent last month. Food price inflation rose for a 13th successive month, hitting a 14-year high of 13.1 per cent in August, with big increases in the cost of milk, cheese and eggs.

The Bank's task of returning inflation to its 2 per cent target has been made easier in the short term by Prime Minister Liz Truss's decision to cap household energy prices, which will rise by 25 per cent rather than 80 per cent in October.



Soaring prices were offset in the short term by the new energy price cap

The Government is expected to use public borrowing to compensate energy companies, which is likely to cost about £100bn, and has promised tax cuts and other support.

This additional stimulus for an economy already close to capacity, with the lowest unemployment since 1974, will sustain inflationary pressures and require the Bank to raise rates further to return inflation to its 2 per cent target, economists say.

COURTS

Google fined £3.5bn after bid to quash EU ruling fails

By Foo Yun Chee

Google suffered a major setback when a top European court upheld a ruling that it broke competition rules and fined it a record €4.12bn (£3.56bn) in a move that will encourage other regulators to increase pressure on the US technology company.

Google challenged a 2018 EU ruling that it imposed unlawful restrictions on manufacturers of Android mobile devices and network operators in order to consolidate the dominant position of its search engine.

The decision was broadly upheld by Europe's General Court, with a reduction in the fine by €215m.

Even with the reduction, it was still a record fine for an antitrust violation. The EU has fined the world's most popular internet search engine a total of €8.25bn in three investigations stretching back more than a decade.

"The judgment strengthens the hand of the [European] Commission. It confirms the Commission can use antitrust proceedings as a backstop threat to enforce rapid compliance with digital regulation also known as the DMA," said Professor Nicolas Petit of the European University Institute.

The EU's antitrust chief, Margrethe Vestager, welcomed the decision. "It is really important as it backs our enforcement efforts," she said.

Google, which can appeal this decision, said: "We are disappointed the court did not annul the decision in full. Android has created more choice for everyone, not less, and supports thousands of successful businesses in Europe and around the world."



As debuts go...

It was some performance. Despite the challenges of rising inflation, supply chain grief, the suspension of its Russian operation because of the invasion of Ukraine and growing competition from rivals such as Shein, Inditex reported revenues of €14.84bn (£12.83bn). This was up from €11.9bn a year earlier and led to a net profit of €1.79bn, up from €1.27bn last year.

to offset soaring costs, despite fears that demand will wane due to the cost of living crisis.

"The level of newness, quality and design of our collections is driving our sales, but obviously we are always thinking about a stable pricing policy," said the financial director, Ignacio Fernandez.

Fortune favours the brave?

Inditex increased prices early in the year when shoppers worldwide were buying more clothes for holidays, events and the return to the office after the pandemic.

But Credit Suisse analysts said there was no guarantee that shoppers wouldn't baulk at further price hikes.

The 30 Second Briefing

ZARA

Spain's new reign has truly begun. Marta Ortega, the daughter of Amancio Ortega – founder of Zara's owner, Inditex – is now publicly in the hot seat. Ms Ortega was the public face of Inditex for the first time since taking over as the group's president in April, as it presented its interim results.

Pricing pains will be maintained. The world's biggest clothing retailer said that, following spring and summer price rises, it will raise prices again in the second half of the year. It said that it plans to hike prices again this autumn as it tries

PROPERTY

House prices rise by 15.5% – the fastest rate in 20 years

By Camilla Canocchi

House prices rose at the fastest pace in nearly 20 years in July, official figures showed, but should be taken "with a pinch of salt", experts say, as they were skewed by last year's end to the stamp duty holiday.

The average price of a UK home jumped 15.5 per cent to £292,000 in the year to July, equivalent to £39,000, and the biggest rise since May, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said.

It marks an acceleration from June's year-on-year 7.8 per cent growth, but the sharp rise reflects falls in prices seen in July 2021 as a result of the end of the tax break for homebuyers.

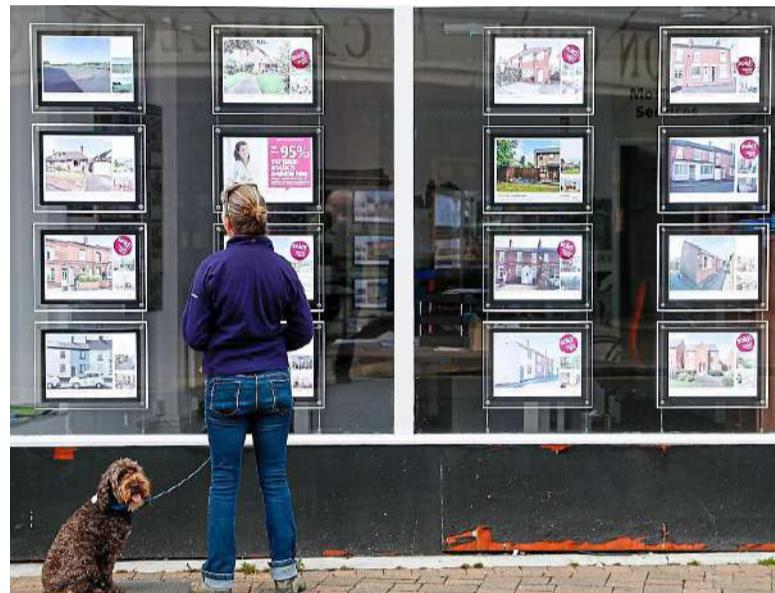
ONS figures lag behind other data sets but are more accurate as they are based on actual house sales rather than mortgage approvals or asking prices.

The number of house sales in July jumped by a third compared with last year, with the typical summer spike in demand increasing activity, according to the latest HMRC figures.

More recent house price indicators point to a slowdown in price growth since July, with experts warning the cost of living squeeze and higher mortgage rates are beginning to hit demand for homes.

It comes as one of Britain's biggest housebuilders said housing demand was easing back towards historical levels after two strong years.

Redrow, like its peers, has seen



July's sharp rise reflects the end of homebuyer tax breaks in July 2021 GETTY

profits surge thanks to strong demand for its homes and rising prices. It reported a 31 per cent rise in pre-tax profit to £410m in the year to July, with the average selling price of its homes 9 per cent higher than last year at around £428,000.

The group says its opening order book of over £1.4bn puts it in "an excellent starting position for the 2023 financial year".

However, it told investors the housing market was not as hot as it has been. "Over the past two years the market has been incredibly strong

with elevated demand, partly resulting from people's changed priorities around working from home," it said.

"We are now seeing a return to a more normal market where demand is moderating to historical levels."

i Private rental prices rose by 3.4 per cent in the UK in the year to August. Rental prices increased by 3.4 per cent in England, 2.5 per cent in Wales and 3.6 per cent in Scotland.

Comment

How investors can beat the impact of inflation

Juliet Schooling Latter



inflation has been the main worry for investors for more than a year now. What was thought to be a transitory issue when economies around the world opened up after the pandemic has proved to be more stubbornly persistent. Not only that, but prices are rising at a pace not seen for 50 years.

While UK inflation dipped slightly year-on-year last month, it remains worryingly high and is unlikely to have peaked just yet. In the US, core consumer prices also rose much more than expected.

MORE INTEREST RATE RISES ON THE CARDS

It's clear that the central banks are not yet on top of the problem – indeed they are behind the curve. And the inflationary pressures are becoming more broad based. It's not just energy prices that are going up now – food, services and rent are all undergoing price

increases too and the cost-of-living crisis is starting to feed through to wage inflation. More interest rate rises are definitely on the cards.

Stock markets do not like surprises, which is why the US market fell yesterday on the back of higher-than-expected inflation. Bond yields (the income they pay) rose, causing the price of bonds to fall. We've seen the same in the UK as the Bank of England has struggled to get a hold on the situation. UK government bonds have been sold off and the yield has risen. The UK stock market has been reactive, but it has held up better than others round the world.

RECESSION LIKELY
And the UK is in a particularly difficult position as we are also dealing with the supply chain issues and labour shortages caused by Brexit. We have too much demand chasing too little

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The number of years since prices rose as fast as they have in 2022

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR INVESTORS?

Arguably, much of the bad news has been priced into the markets already. And, while we may see short-term reactions like this, I'd say it's unlikely we will see huge sell-offs like we did at the start of the year.

The big question is when will inflation peak? Some had hoped that we had reached that point, which is why this week's figures have caused markets to wobble. So, it's a tricky time for all investors. It's difficult to stand still and preserve capital when inflation is this high.

TELECOMS

Giffgaff freezes prices until end of next year

By Grace Gausden

DEPUTY MONEY EDITOR

Mobile network giffgaff is freezing prices for its customers until the end of 2023 to help ease cost of living concerns.

With bills skyrocketing and inflation rising to historic rates, this latest move extends the price freeze that giffgaff had already committed to in the UK by 12 months, having originally fixed its tariffs at the height of the rising cost of living crisis in April.

Giffgaff also confirmed that there are no hidden charges in its tariffs and that the freeze is guaranteed even if there are further rises in inflation – the rates will not change until at least 31 December 2023.

The network said the guarantee will provide certainty to its near four million members and anyone looking to join the network.

Giffgaff chief executive Ash Schofield (*inset*) said: "We recognise that our members have enough to worry about right now with rising costs of household bills, without thinking about their mobile phone bills for the year ahead too."

"That's why we're fixing our UK prices until the end of 2023. By sharing the news well in advance of the new year, we hope this gives our members peace of mind that their giffgaff bills won't increase."



US company gets nod for skyscraper

The Straits Times

The American architecture firm behind Dubai's famed Burj Khalifa tower is to design what will be Singapore's tallest skyscraper. The US-based Skidmore, Owings & Merrill has been engaged by leading Chinese tech firm Alibaba Group and a Perennial Holdings-led consortium to redevelop the former AXA Tower site into a 63-storey office, retail and hotel project.

Change credit card laws, retailers urge

The Wall Street Journal

More than 1,600 retailers including Walmart and Target have urged US Congress to pass laws that breaks the hold Visa and Mastercard have over the credit card market. The retailers want the right to route many credit card payments over networks other than Visa and Mastercard, saying it would increase competition and reduce merchant fees.

Uniper in German energy deal talks

Frankfurter Allgemeine

Uniper, the struggling German energy company, is discussing a deal with the German government that could leave Berlin with a sizeable majority stake. Uniper said talks with its major shareholder, Finnish energy company Fortum, and the German government were continuing. Uniper has already received up to €19bn (£16.4bn) in government support.

Nairobi joins African rich list

The Kenyan Standard

Nairobi is home to 5,000 high net worth individuals with at least \$1m (£865,050). Henley Global Citizens Report shows Nairobi has the fifth largest concentration of wealth in Africa after Johannesburg, Cairo, Cape Town and Lagos. New York, has the largest concentration of millionaires in the world with an estimated 345,600.

From the business pages

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The Business Matrix

The day at a glance



FTSE 100 down -1.47% at 7,277.3

Company	Price	Chg %	High	Low
3i Group	1133.0	-2.58%	1507.5	1042.0
abrdn	142.3	-4.62%	265.3	140.8
Admiral	2198.0	-1.44%	3558.0	1691.5
Airtel Africa	139.1	-3.20%	173.1	92.5
Anglo Amer	2851.5	-2.36%	4292.5	2350.0
Antofagasta	1164.5	-3.76%	1799.5	971.2
AB Foods	1328.5	-2.32%	2181.0	1314.4
Ashtead Group	4277.0	-1.13%	6572.0	3269.0
AstraZeneca	10152.0	-1.70%	11540.0	8029.0
Auto Trader Group	622.8	-3.14%	751.4	499.4
Aviva Group	3048.0	-0.07%	4099.0	1800.0
Aviva	437.3	-1.13%	606.6	341.9
BAE Systems	771.4	-2.85%	847.4	517.4
Barclays	169.9	-1.19%	219.6	140.1
Barratt Dev	406.4	-2.59%	765.1	393.1
BAT	3405.5	-2.56%	3645.0	2507.5
Berkeley Grp Hldgs	3475.0	-4.48%	4919.0	3357.0
B&M EurValRtI	347.0	-1.64%	651.4	336.5
BP	462.3	+0.16%	469.6	299.3
British Land	406.2	-0.90%	563.8	402.6
BT	140.4	-1.61%	201.4	134.8
Bunzl	2810.0	-3.00%	3249.0	2363.0
Burberry	1772.0	-0.06%	2074.0	1473.5
Centrica	82.4	-2.99%	93.9	50.0
Coca-Cola HBC	1943.0	-1.67%	2706.0	1403.5
Compass	1907.0	-1.09%	1970.5	1435.0
CRH	3057.0	-3.79%	4024.0	2736.5
Croda Intl	6746.0	-1.08%	10505.0	5862.0
DCC	4896.0	-3.36%	6520.0	4725.0
Dechra Pharma	3170.0	-3.29%	5405.0	3066.0
Diageo	3763.5	-1.06%	4110.0	3282.5
Endeavour Mining	1711.0	-1.44%	2176.0	1505.0
Entain	1202.0	-1.88%	2500.0	994.6
Experian	2722.0	-0.44%	3689.0	2242.0
Flutter Entrtm	10325.0	-1.62%	16275.0	7340.0
Frasers Group	799.5	-2.62%	1001.7	523.5
Fresnillo	734.8	-0.24%	997.6	610.6

Company	Price	Chg %	High	Low
Glencore	493.9	-0.77%	548.3	305.1
GSK	1332.2	-2.00%	3408.2	1321.2
Haleon	270.3	+1.39%	337.4	241.2
Halma	2064.0	-3.46%	3270.0	1855.3
Hargrave Lans	836.4	-2.79%	1603.0	759.0
Hikma Pharmas	1242.0	-1.93%	2507.0	1235.5
Homeserve	1188.0	-0.08%	1192.0	578.3
Howden Joinery	583.0	-2.83%	985.8	537.2
HSBC Hldgs	518.9	-2.02%	567.2	329.6
IAG	107.0	-0.91%	193.9	102.1
Imperial Brands	1902.0	-2.31%	1966.5	1434.2
Informa	548.8	-2.35%	628.0	459.8
IntCont Htlis	4813.0	-0.35%	5386.0	4174.0
Interotel	3965.0	-2.77%	5824.0	3837.0
IntermediateCp	1218.0	-2.21%	2493.0	1205.5
JD Sports Fashion	125.9	-1.02%	235.7	98.9
Kingfisher	243.9	-1.33%	375.2	227.3
Land Secs	619.4	-1.34%	822.4	615.2
Legal & Gen	259.8	-0.95%	309.9	225.5
Lloyds Bk Gp	46.2	-0.55%	56.0	38.1
Lon Stock Ex	7900.0	-1.30%	8612.0	6230.0
M&G	195.9	-1.98%	230.0	168.7
Melrose Ind	116.8	-3.99%	187.4	107.5
Mondi	1450.5	-2.85%	1982.0	1233.5
National Grid	1053.5	-2.45%	1271.5	880.6
NatWest Group	269.7	-%	284.4	196.9
Next	5802.0	-0.45%	8484.0	5578.0
Ocado Group	623.2	-8.24%	1964.5	615.4
Pearson	904.2	-2.12%	932.6	571.0
Pershing Square	2800.0	+1.08%	3125.0	2295.0
Persimmon	1421.0	-2.67%	2930.0	1398.0
Phoenix	603.4	-1.18%	704.4	559.2
Prudential	938.0	-2.21%	1519.0	877.2
Reckitt Ben	6454.0	-1.68%	6824.0	5367.0
RELX	2253.0	-1.49%	2474.0	2056.0
Rentokil Initial	536.4	-1.90%	662.0	441.2
Rightmove	606.6	-1.81%	810.0	518.5

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Hang Seng	18847.1	-2.48%
Nikkei	27818.6	-2.78%

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OIL
Brent crude,
per barrel

The Business Matrix

The day at a glance

RETAIL

Dunelm profits hit record high

Home furnishing retailer Dunelm said its annual profits leapt nearly a third higher to a new record, but flagged an "extremely challenging" wider economic backdrop. It reported pre-tax profits were up 32.4 per cent to £209m, up from £157.8m. Total sales rose 16.2 per cent, with online sales accounting for 35 per cent of turnover.

LEISURE

Drinks firm is in good spirits

The Artisanal Spirits Company says its sales increased by a quarter over the past 12 months amid "strong" UK growth. The company said sales jumped by 25 per cent to £9m for the half-year to 30 June, leaving it on track to hit targets set at its stock market float last year. It hailed "good stock availability" across its markets.

ENERGY

France expects no gas shortages

France's gas grid will not have shortages this winter, albeit with tight margins, operator GRTgaz said. It also said the country's gas storage supplies were at 94 per cent and will be close to 100 per cent by the winter. France's gas infrastructure is less exposed to Russian gas exports.

LEISURE

Hornby goes full steam ahead

Model train maker Hornby has sought to mitigate any potential supply chain disruption over the Christmas period by bringing forward shipping on key products. Its orders are currently ahead of last year as it told shareholders its performance is on track.

AVIATION

Germany sells last Lufthansa stake

Germany raised €760m (£656m) from the sale of the state's full stake in Lufthansa, unwinding all of the holding it took to keep the carrier afloat during the pandemic. The country's Economic Stabilisation Fund sold its remaining 9.92 per cent of Europe's largest airline to international investors. Its original investment was €306m.

UNITED STATES

Rail strike would hit key shipments

US railroads are poised to stop transporting farm products and other key goods from today as the industry braces for a possible strike that could cost the world's biggest economy more than \$2bn a day. "We are hearing several rail carriers are planning to wind down shipments," the National Grain and Feed Association said.

PEOPLE

Director held job for three weeks

Online retailer Naked Wines said a director has left the business after only three weeks in the job. Pratham Ravi had only recently joined the board as a non-executive director. The retailer said it is reviewing its plans for the next 18 months and is in active discussions to address its credit facility.

OIL & GAS

Tullow focused on Capricorn deal

London-based Tullow Oil says it is sticking to its plan of an all-share merger plan with fellow UK oil firm Capricorn Energy, shrugging off criticism from some Capricorn investors. The two African-focused firms previously announced an all-stock deal worth £656.9m.

the markets

The FTSE 100 ended the day down 108.56 points, or 1.47 per cent, at 7,277.3. The biggest risers in London were the Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust, up

19.6p at 827p, and the consumer healthcare group Haleon, up 3.7p at 270.3p. The biggest fallers were the online retailer Ocado, down 56p at 623.2p and the investment firm Abrdn, down 6.9p at 142.3p.

Elsewhere, Germany's DAX fell 1.22 per cent while the French CAC 40 closed down by 0.37 per cent.

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The pound rose 0.46 cents against the dollar at \$1.1565, and by 0.47 cents against the euro at €1.1574.

Today's Weather

Mainly dry with periods of sunshine, however variable cloud will build and there is a threat of showers, mostly across northern Scotland.

Today's high

19°

Today's low

3°

Moon Phase



Sunrise

06:35

Sunset

19:15

Around Britain

City	Temp (Midday yesterday)	Rain (mm)	Sun (hrs)
Aberdeen	14	C	0.0
Aberporth	15	C	0.0
Aberystwyth	16	F	0.0
Aviemore	14	C	0.0
Belfast	14	C	0.2
Birmingham	18	F	0.0
Bournemouth	18	DR	8.3
Bridlington	16	F	0.0
Bristol	19	F	3.8
Cardiff	18	S	4.0
Cromer	18	F	0.0
Durham	16	F	0.0
Eastbourne	17	R	10.0
Edinburgh	16	C	0.0
Eskdalemuir	16	C	0.0
Glasgow	16	F	0.0
Holyhead	15	C	0.2
Hove	17	R	10.0
Hull	17	F	0.0
Huntingdon	20	S	0.0
Ipswich	19	F	0.0
Isle of Man	15	C	0.0
Isle of Wight	16	R	13.4
Kinlochewe	13	C	0.8
Kirkwall	13	C	1.0
Leeds	16	C	0.0
Lerwick	13	SH	1.6
Leuchars	17	F	0.0
Lincoln	16	F	0.0
Liverpool	16	C	0.0
London	20	F	4.0
Manchester	15	F	0.0
Margate	17	R	2.8
Milford Haven	16	C	0.0
Morecambe	15	F	0.0
Newcastle	15	F	0.0
Norwich	20	F	0.0
Nottingham	18	F	0.0
Okehampton	17	F	0.8
Oxford	19	F	3.0
Plymouth	22	F	5.6
Portland	18	F	2.6
Portsmouth	18	R	22.4
Prestwick	16	F	0.0
Rhyl	15	C	0.0
Sheffield	18	F	0.0
Shrewsbury	17	C	0.0
Skegness	19	F	0.0
Southend	20	C	5.0
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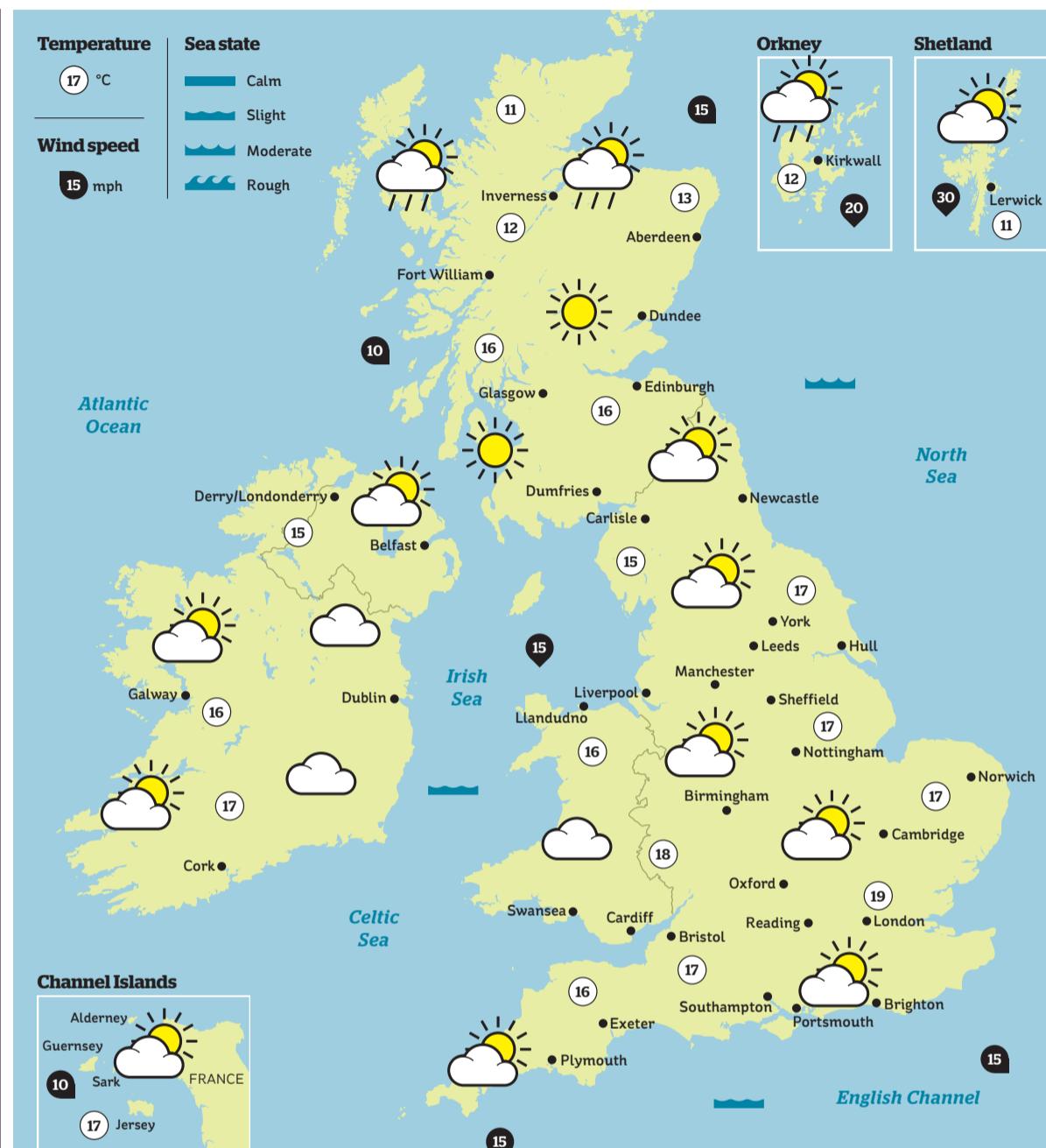
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Abuja	28	F	Milan	26	C
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Amsterdam	19	F	Mumbai	29	SH
Athens	28	S	Munich	25	F
Bangkok	33	F	New York	27	TH
Barcelona	25	F	Nice	24	C
Beijing	29	F	Palma	30	S
Berlin	17	F	Paris	25	F
Brussels	15	R	Prague	17	R
Budapest	21	C	Reykjavik	8	F
Chicago	24	F	Rio	26	F
Delhi	32	F	Rome	28	F
Dubai	41	F	Stockholm	14	C
Dublin	14	C	Sydney	17	F
Frankfurt	19	SH	Tenerife	26	F
Geneva	23	F	Tokyo	31	F
Helsinki	11	R	Toronto	18	SH
Hong Kong	33	F	Vancouver	19	S
Istanbul	23	S	Vienna	20	C
Johannesburg	18	S	Warsaw	19	F
Lisbon	22	F	Washington	26	F
Los Angeles	26	F	Wellington	9	C
Madrid	23	F			

Key: C=Cloudy, DR=Drizzle, F=Fair, FG=Fog, H=Hail, M=Mist, R=Rain, S=Sunny, SH=Showers, SL=Sleet, SN=Snow, SS=Sandstorm, TH=Thunderstorm

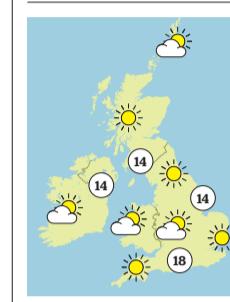
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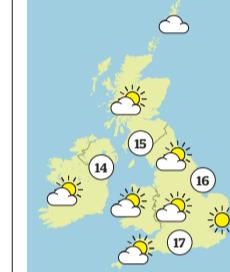
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Scottish Borders	2	2
Northern Ireland	2	2
North West & Mersey	2	2
North East	2	2
Yorkshire & Humber	2	2
North Wales	2	2
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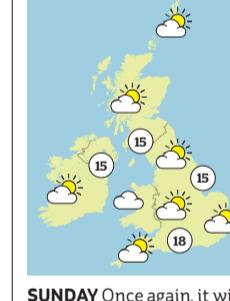
Five-day outlook



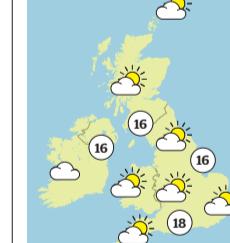
FRIDAY Further lengthy spells of sunshine for many across the UK and it will be dry for most. Scattered light showers along eastern coasts.



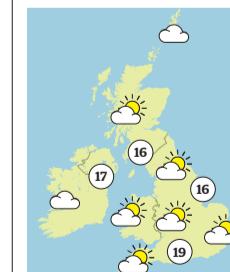
SATURDAY Dry with sunny spells and variable amounts of fair-weather cloud across the country. A few scattered light showers across Scotland.



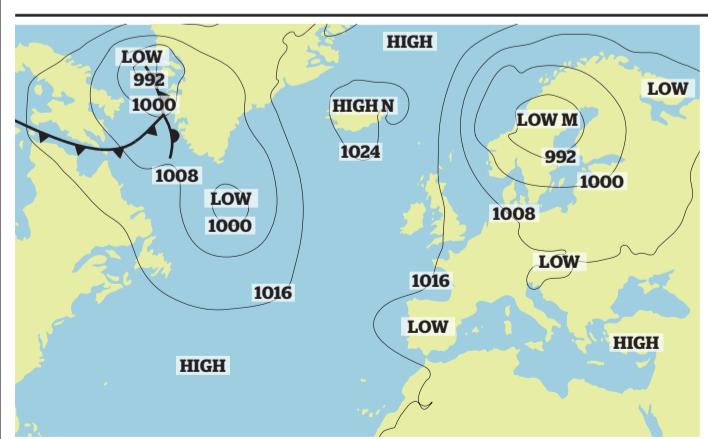
SUNDAY Once again, it will be another largely dry day with lengthy spells of sunshine and some fair-weather cloud. Risk of a shower anywhere.



MONDAY A dry and largely sunny day for many with just some cloud around. A chance of the odd shower during the afternoon in western areas.



TUESDAY Another dry and largely sunny day across much of the country. Some rain will move into north-western areas later in the day.



SYNOPTIC PRESSURE An area of low pressure, M, will linger over Scandinavia bringing a few weak troughs across the UK from the north at times. High pressure, N, will hold out to the Atlantic over the coming days and remain steady. This will squeeze isobars and bring a strong northerly flow across the UK through the coming days.

HIGHS AND LOWS

(Yesterday, up to 2pm)

Warmest: Plymouth, Devon, 22C
Coldest: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 2C
Wettest: Thorney Island, West Sussex, 22.8mm
Sunniest: Glasgow/Bishopton, Glasgow, 10.8hrs

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Aberdeen	19:28-06:41
Birmingham	19:22-06:43
Bristol	19:25-06:46
Cardiff	19:27-06:48
Glasgow	19:34-06:50
Hull	19:17-06:36
Inverness	19:35-06:47
Liverpool	19:27-06:46
London	19:15-06:36
Manchester	19:25-06:44
Stornoway	19:45-06:57
Swansea	19:30-06:51
York	19:20-06:39

Sport in brief

TENNIS

I'm not going to be relaxing - Serena



Serena Williams says she "will not be relaxing" after playing what is likely to be her final competitive tennis match at the US Open, and can now find time for "things that I've been wanting to do for so many years".

She said that her "retirement" from the sport was "more of an evolution of Serena" and it was time to explore other passions.

Speaking on "The Tonight Show" with Jimmy Fallon, she said: "I'm at an age where I have a lot more to give and there's a lot more that I want to do so I'm not going to be relaxing, there's so much more for me."

RUGBY UNION

Leicester's new star suffers injury



Leicester's star signing, South Africa's World Cup-winning fly-half Handre Pollard, may not make his Tigers debut until December due to a knee injury, according to his international head coach, Jacques Nienaber.

Pollard (above) arrived at Leicester earlier than expected after pulling out of South Africa's Rugby Championship campaign. Nienaber said of Pollard: "I know they are out for the Championship and I think out for the end-of-year tour as well."

Cricket scoreboard

LV COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - FIRST DIVISION

YORKSHIRE V ESSEX

HEADINGLEY (Day 3 of 3): Essex (20pts) beat Yorkshire (3pts) by one wicket

Essex elected to bowl

YORKSHIRE - First Innings 134

ESSEX - First Innings 225 (Lawrence 61)

YORKSHIRE - Second Innings 87-2

Second Innings Contd Runs 6s 4s Bls Min

F J Bean lbw b Porter **53** 0 11 120 164

T Kohler cadmore c N Cook b SJ Cook **2** 0 3 12 20

W A Fraine b Critchley **27** 0 4 53 86

* TJA Tattersall c A N Cook b Allison **10** 0 1 28 39

M L Revis b Porter **14** 0 1 58 22

J A Thompson c Lawrence b Critchley **2** 0 0 13 13

B O Cook b Critchley **69** 110 70 69

S A Patterson c Rossington b Porter **9** 0 1 23 15

J W Shutt not out **0** 0 0 6 3

Extras (b6 lb7 nb6) **19**

Total (74.0 overs) **252**

Fall: 1-20, 2-30, 3-46, 4-80, 5-195, 6-249, 7-388, 8-388, 9-400.

Bowling: B W Sanderson 22-1-70-1, C J White 21-3-

55-2, L B Williams 21-1-114-2, L Procter 17-5-52-1, J G Sales 6-0-43-0, R I Keogh 13-2-51, Sai Zaih 4-0-19-0.

NORTHERNS - Second Innings Runs 6s 4s Bls Min

E N Gay lbw b Clark **26** 0 2 49 65

J A Young c Curran b Worrall **1** 0 0 13 17

L Procter lbw b Atkinson **55** 0 5 141 178

J J Cobb c Geddes b Steel **12** 0 1 24 35

R I Keogh c Clark b Steel **23** 0 4 28 32

T E Vasconcelos not out **51** 0 6 98 117

Sai Zaih not out **19** 0 1 40 58

Extras (b4 lb12 nb6) **23**

Total (61.0 overs) **29**

Fall: 1-15, 2-47, 3-72, 4-114, 5-161.

Bowling: J A Porter 19-4-64-4, S J Cook 15-4-45-2,

S N snater 10-3-38-1, B M J Allison 15-7-32-1, M J J Critchley 17-2-59-3, D W Lawrence 1-0-1.

ESSEX - Second Innings Runs 6s 4s Bls Min

N L J Browne c Fraine b Thompson **3** 0 0 6 6

A N Cook c Kohler cadmore & Patterson **35** 0 4 73 116

* T Westley c Revis b Patterson **9** 0 1 57 70

D W Lawrence b Patterson **13** 0 2 22 25

M J J Critchley c b Patterson **0** 0 3 5

F IN Khushib lbw b Cook **0** 0 0 2 5

T A M Rossington c Fraine b Hill **7** 0 1 15 23

S N snater not out **65** 1 9 51 97

B M J Allison c Tattersall b Cook **12** 0 1 54 65

S J Cook c Lyth b Patterson **3** 0 0 5 8

J A Porter not out **0** 0 0 2 5

Extras (lb13 nb2) **15**

Total (for 9.4.81 overs) **162**

Fall: 1-3-2-35-3-51-4-52-5-60, 6-64, 7-93, 8-156, 9-161.

Bowling: B O Coad 17-1-40-2, J A Thompson 9-1-

39-1, S A Patterson 16-4-46-5, G C H Hill 6-0-24-1.

Umpires: R J Bailey and R A White.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE V SURREY

NORTHAMPTON (Day 3 of 4): Northamptonshire are leading Surrey by 127 runs with 5 second-innings wickets in hand

Surrey elected to bowl

CRICKET

Curran century keeps Surrey on track for title

Surrey stepped up their County Championship title pursuit at Northamptonshire as Tom Curran struck a maiden first-class century yesterday.

All-rounder Curran, in his first championship appearance for three-and-a-half years, smashed 115 in 98 balls on a ground where his father Kevin enjoyed some of his greatest cricketing moments.

Curran was well supported by Hashim Amla, who showed far greater patience in his 133 from 278 balls – the South African's 57th first-class century.

Second-placed Surrey were bowled out for 421, a first-innings lead of 82, before Northamptonshire slipped to 114 for 4.

But Luke Procter (55) and Ricardo Vasconcelos (51 not out) helped the hosts end day three on 209 for 5, a lead of 127, and frustrate Surrey's bid to make the most of their game in hand on leaders Hampshire.

Essex secured a thrilling one-wicket win over Yorkshire at Headingley, their sixth Division One victory of the campaign. Yorkshire were bowled out for 252 in their second innings, as leg-spinner Matt Critchley took three for 69 and seamer Jamie Porter returned figures of 4 for 64.

That left Essex chasing a modest 162 for victory, but they lost four wickets for 13 runs to crash to 64 for 6. However, Shane Snater's aggressive unbeaten 65 saw Essex pick up a 20-point haul.

Somerset took total control of their relegation battle with Warwickshire at Edgbaston. The visitors closed the third day on 277 for 4 – 300 ahead – as



Tom Curran pictured yesterday on his way to a century for Surrey against Northamptonshire

GETTY

George Bartlett made an unbeaten 91 and skipper Tom Abell compiled an obdurate 87 from 173 balls.

Bartlett and Lewis Goldsworthy (44 not out) had shared an unbroken fifth-wicket stand of 119 by the close to leave ninth-placed Warwickshire facing an uphill battle on the final day.

In Division Two, England seamer Matthew Potts recorded career-best match figures as Durham chased a second win of the season at Leicestershire.

Potts took seven wickets for 49 on day three to finish with match figures of 13 for 101.

Louis Kimber top scored with 75 as Leicestershire were bundled out for 202 second time around.

That left Durham needing just 105 for victory, and the visitors recovered from a tricky start to 51 for 2 at stumps.

29

Number of months since Tom Curran last played a County Championship match, due to England and IPL commitments, Covid bubbles and injuries

RACING

NEWCASTLE STANDARD

5.45 WILLIAM HILL BET BOOST RACING LEAGUE RACE 36 (HANDICAP) (CLASS 3) £50,000 added 1m 4f

1	337412	FAIR STAR	B Ellison	6 9 12	B Robinson	C 3
2	343611	SCAMPI	(D) A Balding	4 9 9	S M Levey	H 11
3	6-4021	VINDOLANDA	(D) C Hills	5 9 7	D Muscutt	5
4	570222	TRINITY GIRL	(CD) Jessica Macey	5 9 5	O McSweeney	(S) 4
5	423243	TRUE COURAGE	(D) M Bell	4 9 4	R Dawson	V 9
6	421173	SHAKE A LEG	(D) J Camacho	5 9 4	P Mulrennan	C 1
7	344143	POSTMARK	(BF) M Harris	3 9 4	L Dettori	H, T 2
8	-03737	BLOW YOUR HORN	(CD) R Menzies	5 9 3	P Cosgrave	7
9	122324	WYNTER WILDES	(CD) C Fellows	3 8 11	H Turner	6
10	-67811	SARONS RISK	(D) I Williams	3 8 10	David Egan	8
11	3:310	MOSTLY SUNNY	(D) H Main	3 8 9	A Mullen	10
12	522110	SOPHIESTICATE	(D) J Goldie	3 8 2	JP Sullivan	12

- 12 declared -

BETTING: 5-1 Wynter Wildes, 11-2 Sarons Risk, 6-1 Postmark, 13-2 True Courage, Scampi, 7-1 Trinity Girl, 10-2 Fair Star, 12-1 others.

6.15 WILLIAM HILL PLAY RESPONSIBLY RACING LEAGUE RACE 37 (HANDICAP) (3) £50,000 added 1m 2f

1	434212	TREGONY	(CD) C Cox	4 9 12	S Osborne	(3) 6
2	022932	GEREMIA	J Goldie	4 9 12	JP Sullivan	9
3	41364	JEAN BAPTISTE	(D) R Fell	5 9 12	O McSweeney	(S) 7
4	143322	MATCHLESS	(D) J Furtado	4 9 11	L Edmunds	1
5	221111	ANDALEEP	(DXBF) D & C Kubler	6 9 9	D Muscutt	T 5
6	131021	WHITE WILLOW	(D) R Fahey	4 9 8	P Cosgrave	4
7	13-422	VANITY AFFAIR	(CD) C Fellows	5 9 6	H Turner	H 3
8	228013	CITY RUNNER	B Meehan	3 9 6	G M Ryan	B 8
9	729312	EETEE	D O'Meara	4 9 6(Sex)	Jason Watson	12
10	152153	JEWEL MAKER	(CXO) T Easterby	7 9 5	C Hardie	10
11	345431	INNSE GALL	(D) J Jardine	4 9 4	A Mullen	14
12						

Baaeed still a competitor to the bone as he targets Ascot over Arc

By Jon Freeman

RACING EDITOR

Baaeed, will not, after all, sign off his wonderful racing career in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

There had been much speculation that the equine superstar of this generation, unbeaten in 10 races and officially ranked the best horse in the world, would deliver his swansong at Longchamp on 2 October, as his sire, Sea The Stars, did so memorably in 2009. But after consulting with owner Sheika Hissa and the Shadwell Estate team, trainer William Haggas announced that Baaeed would instead exit at the Champion Stakes at Ascot later next month.

Baaeed had raced exclusively over a mile until winning the 10-furlong Juddmonte International at York in spectacular fashion, but the Arc



The all-conquering Baaeed won the Queen Anne Stakes at Ascot in June
GETTY IMAGES

would have meant another step up in distance to a mile and a half and quite likely on testing ground.

"I, in particular, was very keen to keep him at a mile and a quarter

and therefore the Champion Stakes was the only logical solution," said Haggas.

"I'm sure many will be disappointed that he is not going to run in the

Arc, but we can't do both and we all feel that this is the right decision for the horse. So Ascot it is."

The Kilkerran Cup is the centrepiece of the first day of racing at Ayr's age-old Western meeting, which culminates on Saturday with Scotland's biggest Flat race, the Ayr Gold Cup.

Chichester won last year's handicap so impressively that he went off favourite for the Cambridgeshire the following week, but he hasn't been in the same form since and anyway, the ground is probably softer than he prefers.

First Impression, who won this contest in 2020, is a different story.

John Quinn's bottom-weight definitely likes to get his toe in and should be spot on for this repeat bid after shaping nicely at York recently following his summer holiday.

i top tips

BEST BET

First Impression (3pm, Ayr)

Won this in 2020 and primed for another bold bid after recent encouraging return from three-month break.

NEXT BEST

Hi Royal (1.50pm, Ayr)

Related to lots of winners; fine effort on York debut and ready to uphold family tradition.

ANTE-POST

Khanjar has been all the rage for Saturday's Ayr Gold Cup and is now a clear 5-1 favourite.

Puzzle solutions

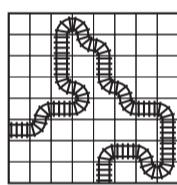
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Journey Finder

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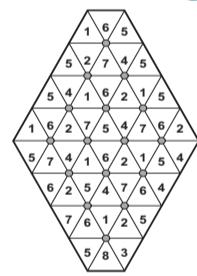
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Daily Quiz

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- Dame Deborah James
- Rookery
- Mont Sainte-Victoire

Word Ladder

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RUGBY UNION



Steve Diamond wants Sunday's fixture against Exeter to go ahead

Diamond upbeat but Warriors face uncertain future

By Hugh Godwin

Worcester Warriors' director of rugby Steve Diamond said yesterday he was "pretty confident" Sunday's first home match of the season with Exeter Chiefs would take place, but the day ended with no progress on the sale of the financially-stricken club.

Worcester's co-owners Colin Goldring and Jason Whittingham announced on Tuesday that heads of terms had been agreed for the sale of the club, saying "we have been working closely with the interested party on the immediate deposit of significant funds."

A statement at 6.40pm yesterday evening said: "Worcester Warriors are still awaiting final sign-off of the heads of term on the agreement of the sale of the club to a buyer. Warriors are working closely with Premiership Rugby Limited, the Rugby Football Union and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport regarding this and the requirements for ensuring that Saturday's Allianz Cup tie between the University of Worcester Warriors and Harlequins Women and Sunday's Premiership match against Exeter Chiefs can be staged at Sixways."

Staff and suppliers are said to be unwilling to cooperate in putting on the weekend's matches, in the absence of wages and payment for some, and Diamond said: "If people aren't paid and suppliers aren't paid, I don't think logically the game can go on. However, as I am sat here at 11.30 I am pretty confident the game will go on, from the information I have been given this morning."

Forfeiting the match would give Exeter the points, but would leave Premiership organisers with a decision to make on Worcester's place in the 13-team league.

Brooke: All Blacks are playing average rugby with no conviction

Hugh Godwin

RUGBY UNION CORRESPONDENT

New Zealand legend Zinzan Brooke says he is worried over the All Blacks' prospects a year out from the World Cup, and that his old team are picking the wrong man in captain Sam Cane at openside flanker – but the recent addition of Joe Schmidt as attack coach could lift embattled head coach Ian Foster.

Brooke lives in England with his family of six children – the eldest Lucas plays for London Irish and England under-20s – and he freely admits he is "outside the bubble" of New Zealand rugby. But the former No. 8 who won 58 caps retains a deep affection for the All Blacks and will tune into today's showdown with Australia in Melbourne feeling a mix of "shock" at the recent rollercoaster form and hope of a continued upsurge from last week's 53-3 thrashing of Argentina.

"It's three wins out of nine since last autumn and that is a shock," Brooke (above) told **i**. "I don't think an All Black side has ever been in that position."

"I watched the second Test against Ireland in June and switched off after 28 minutes. It was average rugby, just mistakes, there was no conviction, there was nothing. And the All Blacks had won the first Test 42-19, so I just don't get it. You win by that much in the first Test and then you get pumped in the second and the third, and on New Zealand soil too. How the hell did they actually do that?"

Looking for answers, Brooke says he has faith in the returning lock Brodie Retallick – "he played like an angry man against Argentina, which was good" – alongside 138-cap stalwart Sam Whitelock, "an absolute rock in that team".



Zinzan Brooke has called for Ardie Savea (above) to start at No 7 AFP/GETTY

But Brooke is baffled why Ardie Savea – who misses today's match to be with his wife expecting their third child – is not the All Blacks' starting No 7, instead of skipper Cane.

"You pick the best player in his best position," says Brooke. "And, if you judge it on performance, you would not put Sam Cane in there. What we're doing is bringing Ardie Savea in because he can double up, and we can get Sam Cane in to captain the side. Well, hang on a second, who is the best openside flanker in New Zealand? Ardie Savea is that guy. He's just a bloody machine. He is more than capable of playing at eight, but I would like someone else to be in the boot of the scrum to help Ardie."

Hoskins Sotutu gets that No 8 spot today, in his first Test of the year, while Scott Barrett starts at No 6 in place of the injured Shannon Frizell.

There will be a sell-out 50,000 crowd at the Marvel Stadium in Melbourne for a match brought forward to avoid a clash with Saturday's AFL Aussie Rules preliminary finals. It is each side's fifth Rugby Championship game of the year, with New Zealand top of the table by a point, and also Test one out of two for the Bledisloe Cup, which the Wallabies have not held for an incredible 20 years. The return is in Auckland on 24 September.

"The All Blacks are hopefully falling into shape but I'm not totally confident," says Brooke. "South Africa changed coaches in 2018 and won the World Cup the next year. Bringing in Joe Schmidt is a good thing. A tap on the shoulder to the incumbent [Foster], and the chemistry between them will be important."

"You want something a little bit creative, outside the norm. The centres [David Havili and Rieko Ioane], there's nothing special there, it's just a little bit dull. But what the All Blacks did against Argentina was quite sublime – they went full Monty right to the end and I was impressed."

FOOTBALL



RAMSDALE?



MAGUIRE?

Southgate faces tough decisions as Qatar World Cup swings into view

Sam Cunningham

CHIEF FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

England manager Gareth Southgate today names his squad for the last camp before he must decide who travels to Qatar for this winter's World Cup.

His side face extremely tough tests in their final two games, a trip to Milan to face European Champions Italy next Friday before returning to Wembley for the visit of Germany three nights later.

The time for experimenting is over and Southgate is expected to name his strongest side for these Nations League ties, with the England team at its lowest ebb since he became manager and led the nation to the semi-finals of the 2018 World Cup and the final of Euro 2020.

Following an unbeaten World Cup qualification group, the team's last

four games – albeit in a condensed period at the end of a long season impacted by Covid – resulted in two defeats to Hungary and draws with their upcoming opponents. It has dampened expectations for Qatar and left Southgate with plenty to ponder for this month's squad.

GOALKEEPERS

Southgate's trusted No 1 Jordan Pickford is out for around a month with a thigh injury, offering a wonderful opportunity for either Nick Pope or Aaron Ramsdale. The coach has resolutely stuck by the Everton man through dips in form but he has usually performed well for his country.

Pope, who moved to Newcastle United from Burnley in the summer, and Ramsdale, now first-choice at high-flying Arsenal, have both been in great form but if either gets the nod they will have the chance to sow seeds of doubt in Southgate's mind about whether to stick with Pickford in Qatar. Ramsdale is most likely to start against Italy.

WORLD CUP

Amnesty wants £382m fund for abused workers

By Sam Cunningham
CHIEF FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

The Football Association insists that any injury or death caused to migrant workers preparing for the World Cup in Qatar must be compensated, after a new Amnesty International survey finds that 70 per cent of fans want the governing body to speak out about human rights issues associated with the tournament.

The human rights campaigners polled more than 17,000 people across 15 countries and discovered, in results published today, that the majority wanted Fifa to compensate migrant workers abused in the process of building and preparing Qatar to host international football's marquee tournament.

Gareth Southgate and his squad will fly to the Gulf state in around two months but the FA has been criticised for not taking a firm stance on the issues.

The survey, conducted by YouGov, was completed by more than 2,000 people in the UK and 70 per cent said that the English and Welsh FAs should speak out about the abuses of migrant workers. Almost three-quarters supported the idea of a remediation programme.

A #PayUpFIFA campaign was launched in May calling for Fifa to create a fund of at least £382m – equal to the tournament prize money – to compensate abused workers.

"This poll shows that people in the UK want to see the suffering of Qatar's migrant World Cup workers properly addressed, not pushed aside by the glitz and excitement of the tournament itself," Sacha Deshmukh, Amnesty International UK's chief executive, said.

"The British public – fans and non-fans alike – want justice for abused World Cup workers, and they want to see the English and Welsh FAs showing they care about human rights by publicly backing a Fifa-funded workers' remediation programme."

"Fifa should have insisted on human rights clauses when it assessed Qatar's hosting bid – now it needs to make amends. Whoever wins the World Cup, we need to see proper recognition of the abuses workers experienced in the long and troubled lead-up to Qatar 2022."

The FA declined to comment on the survey when contacted by **i**, but sources maintained that the governing body is behind proposals for any injury or death to be compensated. **i** was told the FA is also supporting the creation of a Migrant Workers Centre in Qatar that would remain as a legacy after the tournament.

The governing body says working with other countries rather than individually will have a stronger impact. Uefa has put proposals for a remediation scheme and a Migrant Workers Centre to Fifa and is awaiting a response from Fifa and the Qatar Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy, the organisation in charge of running the World Cup.

EFL

Lower-league clubs in emergency talks over huge rise in energy bills

Mark Douglas
NORTHERN FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

We're open to doing anything that will help us lower costs in what is an unprecedented situation

The EFL will hold urgent talks with its member clubs about the impact of rising energy bills in the next few weeks – as teams consider creative solutions to cope with the crisis.

i has been told EFL clubs are braced for energy bills to potentially triple or even quadruple from last year with no prospect of the costs coming down in future years.

One source told **i** it could be the equivalent of "losing a star striker" for some of the clubs in the third and fourth tier and has prompted some to look at changing their winter operations to mitigate costs.

Moving kick-off times to 1pm through the winter has been mooted by some clubs as it would save on the cost of floodlights during months when lights and heating also need to be turned up.

Bradford City CEO Ryan Sparks raised the issue in an interview over the weekend and told **i** it was a "potentially crippling energy crisis" for some clubs.

"We're open to doing anything that will help us lower costs in what is an unprecedented situation. 1pm kick-offs have been talked about by some clubs as a potential solution but that comes with its own challenges," he told **i**.

"It could mean more games where you have to stay overnight, for example. It is a solution that

would work if we were then able to stream the games because they were outside the traditional 3pm black out, as that would help contribute towards bills."

i understands the EFL is in discussions with clubs about the impact of rising energy costs on their operations – and further meetings are planned in the coming weeks.

A source said some discussions had been halted during the mourning period for the Queen but they would be resumed soon. One solution may be to expedite the long-running issue of the Premier League's financial settlement with the wider football pyramid, which remains unresolved despite several proposals being floated.

The so-called "New Deal for football" has been a contentious issue, with the Government calling for a swift resolution. But **i** understands a recent proposal that included EFL clubs having to commit to helping to develop their young players on loan has been dropped.

Other ideas have included reducing parachute payments but increasing merit-based payments to clubs in the Championship.

The EFL contacted clubs over the last couple of weeks to seek further thoughts on this settlement, and the looming impact of the energy crisis should focus minds.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Pukki inspires Norwich as Roberts rumbles Reading

By James Mariner

Norwich City reduced the gap on leaders Sheffield United to a point as Teemu Pukki inspired a 3-2 win over Bristol City.

The Finnish forward struck twice in the first half to put the Canaries in control at Carrow Road, before Tommy Conway reduced the arrears before the break.

Josh Sargent made it 3-1 to Dean Smith's side midway through the second half and Norwich hung on despite Antoine Semenyo pulling another back.

Elsewhere, **Reading** lost ground on the top three, the Royals going down 3-0 at home to **Sunderland**.

Patrick Roberts (*above*) found the net twice in quick succession just before half-time at the Select Car Leasing Stadium, with former Tottenham Hotspur midfielder Jack Clarke adding a third for Tony

Mowbray's side halfway through the second period. The Black Cats rise to sixth in the table, a point and two places behind Paul Ince's side.

QPR sit eighth after edging **Millwall** 2-0 in a London derby at The Den. Christopher Wilcock put Michael Beale's side ahead with his fifth goal in six matches and Stefan Johansen made sure of the points with 18 minutes left with his first goal in a year.

Bottom side **Coventry** twice came from behind to earn a 2-2 draw at **Luton**. Viktor Gyokeres and Gustavo Hamer both levelled Carlton Morris strikes but the Sky Blues remain seven points from safety, albeit with matches in hand on every other side.

Rotherham dispatched **Blackpool** 3-0 at the AESSEAL New York Stadium – Chiedozie Ogbene, Wes Harding and Georgie Kelly all finding the net.



BELLINGHAM?



SAKA?

DEFENCE

The big issue is Harry Maguire. Another key player for Southgate since practically the start, his form has dropped spectacularly for Manchester United and it has affected his recent England performances, too.

Does Southgate stick with a player who has in recent times been subjected to boos from his own supporters? Nobody is safe. While loyal, Southgate (*right*) has been unafraid to make difficult decisions to drop players, as Wayne Rooney, Jesse Lingard, Dele Alli, Marcus Rashford and Jadon Sancho know well.



Neither first-choice left-backs/wing-backs, Ben Chilwell and Luke Shaw, have played much, presenting a problem often solved by Kieran Trippier. On the right, however, Reece James has continued his fine, unflappable form, whereas Trent Alexander-Arnold has not hit his usual heights for Liverpool this season.

MIDFIELD

The question is, who fits where? Phil Foden and Mason Mount are contenders for more advanced central midfield roles, but often play on the wing. Declan Rice and Kalvin Phillips formed a brilliant partnership at the European Championship, but Phillips has played only 13 minutes – via two substitute appearances – since moving to Manchester City in the summer. That might leave a gap for teenage star Jude Bellingham to

prove to the England manager he is ready to start the most high-profile games at only 19 years old.

ATTACK

One goal in four Nations League games against tough opponents will be a massive concern for Southgate. And even that solitary strike was a late penalty in Germany from Harry Kane, who is still as reliable as ever with five goals in eight games for Tottenham Hotspur this season.

Raheem Sterling, another Southgate mainstay, will be sure to play alongside Kane, and has made a strong start since moving to Chelsea in the summer. But who joins them on the right of the front three?

Plenty of players are vying for it: the young, exuberant and slightly more defensively minded Bukayo Saka, the supremely talented Foden and Mount, whose game lacks nothing apart from goals.

Jack Grealish is another option, but he appears to have slipped down Pep Guardiola's pecking order at Manchester City. Then Southgate has to consider Rashford and Sancho, both dropped last time around but hitting richer form for Manchester United.

Not to forget Tammy Abraham, performing well at Roma but who will have to make do as Kane's understudy. Many are calling for Brentford's Ivan Toney, with five goals in six Premier League games this term, to be given a shot – but it has probably come too late for him.

EUROPA LEAGUE GROUP E

Ten Hag confident Rashford will be fit for England squad

Erik ten Hag has backed Marcus Rashford to make England's World Cup squad despite the injured forward being set to miss out on a Nations League international recall.

Rashford has started the campaign in promising fashion for United and was expected to be named in Gareth Southgate's Three Lions squad today for forthcoming games against Italy and Germany.

But the 24-year-old is still feeling the effects of an injury picked up in the 3-1 Premier League victory over Arsenal on September 4, when he scored twice to take his season's tally to three.

Having sat out United's opening Europa League tie, Rashford will again be missing for tonight's group game away to Sheriff.



Marcus Rashford is missing through injury for tonight's Sheriff game

EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE GROUP B

Moyes not risking injuries on plastic pitch in Denmark

By Andy Sims

David Moyes has admitted that Silkeborg's plastic pitch has given him a selection headache ahead of West Ham United's Europa Conference League clash in Denmark tonight.

Silkeborg, fourth in the Danish SuperLiga, play on an artificial surface at their 10,000-seater stadium. Moyes has included defenders Craig Dawson and Aaron Cresswell in his squad after spells out injured, but he may not risk them on the super-fast turf.

"It's given me some thoughts," the Hammers coach revealed. "We respect that it's an artificial pitch, we have some decisions to make."

We'll have a look at Craig and Aaron and check out what's best for them with the surface and everything. They have done a bit of training."

"He's not available. The consequence after Arsenal, he has a muscle injury," Ten Hag said at his pre-match press conference.

Asked whether Rashford can now make England's World Cup squad in Qatar, he added: "It's quite obvious and quite clear (he can). He played really good seasons and this season he has had a great comeback. He's shown his potential and quality.

"No, I don't think too long (his absence), but I cannot tell how long. It's not really bad and we expect him to be back quite soon in the team."

United's first-ever game against Moldovan opponents will be their last for 17 days.

Sunday's league visit of Leeds has been postponed due to police resources being stretched in the build-up to the Queen's funeral on Monday, so United will next be in action away to neighbours Manchester City on 2 October.

Defeat to Sociedad has put United under extra scrutiny in this competition, and Ten Hag said: "Pressure is for every game, because we have to win every game."

"When you lose the first game, you have to win the second, so we know what our task is. We always play a strong team, so also here we will play a strong team."

{i} Probable Zimbru Stadium teams:
Sheriff (4-3-3) Koval; Zohouri, Kiki, Radeljic, Kpozo; Badolo, Kyabou, Diop; Ouattara, Atiemwen, Akanbi
Manchester United (4-2-3-1) De Gea; Dalot, Varane, Maguire, Matuidi; Casemiro, McTominay, Antony, Fernandes, Sancho; Ronaldo
Kick-off 5.45pm BST Television BT Sport 2
Referee P Raczkowski (Pol)

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP G



Bellingham goal in vain as sublime Haaland executes against old club

MANCHESTER CITY
Stones 80, Haaland 84

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BORUSSIA DORTMUND
Bellingham 56

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Daniel Storey
CHIEF FOOTBALL WRITER
AT ETIHAD STADIUM

You can plan for every eventuality. You can analyse your opponent and create tactical blueprints for when you are winning and losing.

You can tell your players when and where they should shoot from to maximise their chances of scoring.

But sometimes you just need a central defender playing out of position to lash one in from 25 yards and break open the match as if it were a

pinata made at 15 minutes' notice.

You can roughly determine how well Manchester City are playing from the regularity of the "C'mon City" shouts around you.

Hear plenty and they clearly mark celebration, raucous markers of supreme victories. Hear none at all and things are probably going well too. There are times when watching this team hold a lead when you really do fall into a semi-conscious state, hypnotised by their total control.

But when you hear "C'mon City" every six or seven minutes, you know they're playing badly. These are isolated people who know only too well the vast potential of the team in front of them and cannot work out where it has gone.

For a group of players that often make the majestic look simple, they retain an ability to make everything look like hard work.

To be successful, Dortmund's

strategy had to be multi-faceted. If your only aim against Manchester City is to protect your own goal then you will not succeed.

City will soon enough realise that they can push forward in a tide and overpower you. We have seen that too often before.

But Dortmund have the qualities to trouble a makeshift defence: John Stones at right back, Manuel Akanji and Nathan Aké in the centre. Marco Reus and Anthony Modeste were busy, but it was Jude Bellingham breaking the lines that changed the tilt of the match.

Given his experience and progress, it is astonishing that he only turned 19 in June. This was Champions League start number 18 and the second time he has scored against City.

It is easy to look for people to blame in these scenarios, when a tweak has badly underperformed and ceded control of their Champions League group. The Jack Grealish problem won't go away, a technically excellent player but one who doesn't dribble past anyone and therefore simply seems to play backward passes to Joao Cancelo.

Kevin de Bruyne is so wonderful that his team-mates can sometimes subconsciously rely upon him to be the lockpicker; De Bruyne was poor against Dortmund.

Then Terzic and his players made the same crucial mistake that Crystal Palace, Newcastle and Aston Villa have all made in City's last 10 matches: they stopped attacking. It is easily

{i} Probable JYSK Park teams:
Silkeborg (4-3-3) Larsen; Sonne, Salquist, Calisir, Engel; Klyng, Brink, Thordarson; Jorgensen, Hellenius, Kusk
West Ham United (4-3-3) Areola; Coufal, Kehrer, Dawson, Cresswell; Downes, Rice, Lanzini; Benrahma, Scamacca, Cornet
Kick-off 8pm BST Television BT Sport 2
Referee F Verissimo (Port)



Erling Haaland scores City's second goal against Dortmund GETTY

GROUP A

Rangers pay heavy price as Politano pounces after red card



By Nick Szczepanik

AT IBROX

The score may suggest otherwise, but 10-man Rangers produced an impressively defiant display both on and off the field last night.

First the club and the Ibrox crowd ignored Uefa's edict against the playing of national anthems with an emotional pre-match rendition of "God Save The King". Then the players put back-to-back 4-0 defeats behind them by going toe to toe for most of the evening with a Napoli side that conquered Liverpool 4-1 last week.

It took the Italian Serie A leaders three attempts before they finally beat 40-year-old Rangers goalkeeper Allan McGregor from the penalty spot. He saved one kick and a retake from Piotr Zielinski after James Sands had been sent off.

It was third time unlucky after 68 minutes when Mateo Politano converted but Rangers were still in the game until Napoli substitutes Giacomo Gaspadori and Tanguy Ndombele netted late on.

Yet Alfredo Morelos could have given the home side a shock lead in the first minute only to head just wide. The Colombian had his first start since March and was the boldest of five changes made by manager Giovanni van Bronckhorst to the team beaten by Ajax.

The crowd was almost silenced seconds later as Zielinski sent a 20-yard half-volley against the outside of a post. But Rangers roared back and James Tavernier and Scott Arfield both saw goalbound efforts kept out.

Napoli coach Luciano Spalletti gave Giovanni Simeone a starting place up front, and McGregor had to block his shot after a clever pass from the influential Zielinski.

Khvicha Kvaratskhelia was a con-



Napoli

Subs: Rangers King (Jack, 63), Colak (Morelos, 72), Matondo (Arfield, 73), Kamara (Tavernier, 82), Tillman (Davis, 83); Napoli Olivera (Rui, 77), Raspadori (Simeone, 77), Zerbin (Politano, 77), Ndombele (Zielinski, 83), Elmás (Kvaratskhelia, 90).

Booked: Rangers Morelos, Lundstram, Sands (twice), Barisic, Tavernier; Napoli Politano. **Sent-off:** Rangers Sands (55).

Possession: Rangers 45% Napoli 55%. **Attempts on target:** Rangers 3 Napoli 10. **Referee:** A M Mateu Lahoz (Sp). **Attendance:** 50,121.

stant presence in Rangers' peripheral vision as he moved in from the left, but John Lundstram was alert to his darts infield.

But 10 minutes after the interval, Sands tripped Simeone in the penalty area and saw red. McGregor dived to his right to parry Zielinski's kick. Mateo Politano netted the rebound, but VAR ruled that he had encroached, and McGregor produced an almost identical save from the retake. But even McGregor could not produce a hat-trick and when the arm of Borna Barisic blocked a shot by Kvaratskhelia, Politano netted from the spot.

Rangers had to go for the leveller but Raspadori made it 2-0 with his first European goal and Ndombele distorted the score still further.

Manchester City



Borussia Dortmund

Substitutions: Manchester City Silva (Gundogan, 58), Alvarez (Mahrez, 58), Foden (Grealish, 58), Phillips (Haaland, 90); Borussia Dortmund Malen (Reyna, 62), Schlotterbeck (Modeste, 72) Moukoko (Reus, 88), Adeyemi (Özcan, 88). **Booked:** Manchester City Rodri, Foden; Borussia Dortmund Maten, Özcan, Meunier. **Man of the match:** Haaland. **Match rating:** 7/10. **Possession:** Manchester City 64% B Dortmund 36%. **Attempts on target:** Manchester City 3 B Dortmund 2. **Referee:** D Orsato (It). **Attendance:** 50,441.

done because it is entirely natural. Everything in your tiring mind and aching body is telling you to fall back towards your own goal. But to do so is to swing the game in your opponent's favour. Eventually they will score once. The first cut is always the deepest.

After that, City are inevitable and Erling Haaland is their executioner. Cancelo's cross was sumptuous, delivered with the outside of his right boot. Cut to Haaland, legs slightly above his head and out in front of him as if hurtling down an invisible water slide. Of course he made contact with the ball. Of course he scored the winner.

That is the strength of this City team. They can finish second on two-thirds of the things that matter. They can tie themselves up in knots. They can give their opponents hope of unlikely victory. And then they can make them look stupid for believing that victory was ever in their grasp.

And by closing time, when Oasis plays and the locals file out to laugh and joke about wasted worries, you reflect on just another night when their brilliant hybrid full-back cre-



Napoli quickly capitalised after Rangers' James Sands (centre) was sent off PA

Results Service

FOOTBALL

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP A

Rangers (o)	0	Napoli (o)	3			
		Politano 68 (pen)				
		Raspadori 85				
		Ndombele 90				
P W D L F A Pts						
Napoli	2	2	0	0	7	1
Liverpool	2	1	0	1	3	3
Ajax	2	1	0	1	5	2
Rangers	2	0	0	2	0	0

GROUP E

AC Milan (1)	3	Dinamo Zagreb (o)	1			
Giroud 45 (pen)		Orsic 56				
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Pobega 77						
Chelsea (o)	1	Red Bull Salzburg (o)	1			
Sterling 48		Okafor 75				
P W D L F A Pts						
AC Milan	2	1	1	0	4	2
Dinamo Zagreb	2	1	0	2	3	3
Red Bull Salzburg	2	0	2	0	2	2
Chelsea	2	0	1	1	2	1

GROUP F

Real Madrid (o)	2	RB Leipzig (o)	0			
Valverde 80						
Asensio 90						
Shakhtar Donetsk (1)	1	Celtic (1)	1			
Mudryk 29		Bondarenko 10 (og)				
P W D L F A Pts						
Real Madrid	2	2	0	0	5	6
Shakhtar Donetsk	2	1	1	0	5	4
Celtic	2	0	1	1	4	1
RB Leipzig	2	0	0	2	1	0

GROUP G

FC Copenhagen (o)	0	Sevilla (o)	0			
Man City (o)	2	Borussia Dortmund (o)	1			
Stones 80		Bellingham 56				
Haaland 84						
P W D L F A Pts						
Man City	2	2	0	0	6	1
Borussia Dortmund	2	1	0	1	4	2
FC Copenhagen	2	0	1	1	3	1
Sevilla	2	0	1	1	4	1

GROUP H

Juventus (1)	1	Benfica (1)	2
Milik 4		Joao Mario 43 (pen)	
Maccabi Haifa (1)	1	Neres 55	
Chery 24		Messi 37, Mbappe 69	
PSG (1)	3	Neymar 88	
PSG	2	2	0
Benfica	2	2	0
Juventus	2	0	2
Maccabi Haifa	2	0	2

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

Luton (2)	2	Coventry (1)	2			
Millwall (o)	0	QPR (o)	2			
Norwich (2)	3	Bristol City (1)	2			
Reading (o)	0	Sunderland (2)	3			
Rotherham (1)	3	Blackpool (o)	0			
West Brom (1)	2	Birmingham (1)	3			
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Sheff Utd	9	6	2	1	17	5
Norwich	9	6	1	2	15	8
Blackburn	9	5	0	4	11	11
Reading	9	5	0	4	9	14
Burnley	9	3	5	1	15	9
Sunderland	9	4	2	3	14	9
Bristol City	9	4	2	3	18	14
QPR	9	4	2	3	14	14
Rotherham	8	3	4	1	12	6
Watford	9	3	4	2	9	9
Wigan	8	3	4	1	9	10

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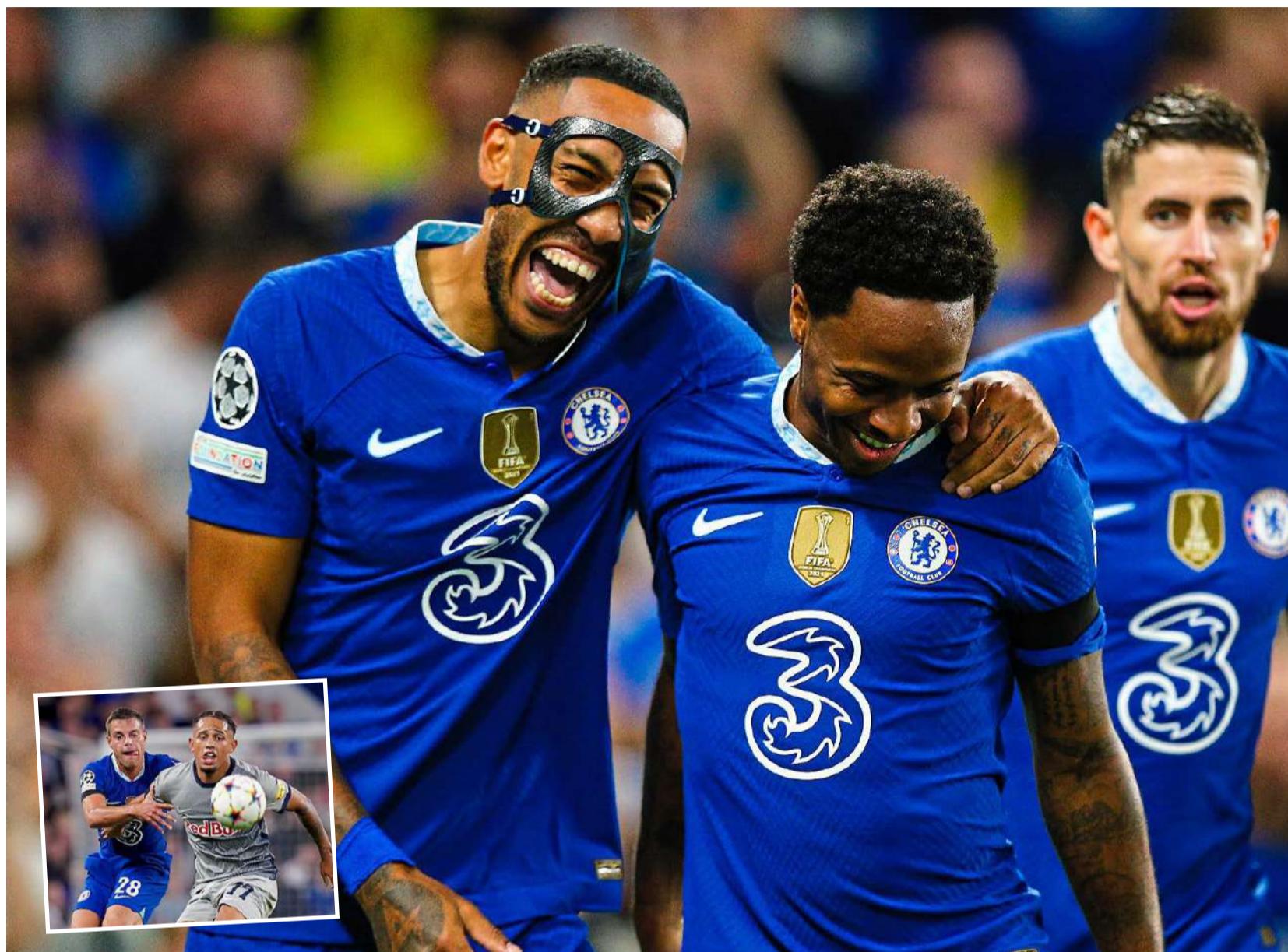
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By Ian Winrow
AT STAMFORD BRIDGE

Just one game into his career as Chelsea head coach and Graham Potter already has first hand experience of the problems that have affected the club's campaign so far.

Shortcomings in front of goal meant they were unable to add to Raheem Sterling's opener and a defensive mistake allowed Salzburg's Noah Okafor to equalise.

The result means Chelsea have just one point from their opening two Champions League games and the evident discontent at the final whistle provided a reminder to Potter of the

expectations that come with his new job, just as the applause and chants for predecessor Thomas Tuchel in the 21st minute to mark the 2021 Champions League success had earlier.

Potter admitted before kick-off he had prioritised "experience and know-how" in his first team selection that showed three changes to the side that had lost 1-0 to Dinamo Zagreb last week in what proved to be Tuchel's last game in charge.

Marc Cucurella, Thiago Silva and Jorginho came into the starting line-up with Silva lining up in the middle of a back three, flanked by Cesar Azpilicueta and Cucurella while centre-backs Wesley Fofana and Kalidou Koulibaly – recruited this summer at a combined cost of over £100m – dropped to the bench.

Further forward, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang led the attack on his home debut and the former Barce-

lona forward made an early impression, hooking an effort over the bar during a positive start for Potter's side. The new head coach had insisted he sensed a desire among his new squad to respond to the desperately disappointing defeat in Croatia and there was an urgency to Chelsea's play in the opening 20 minutes.

Jorginho may have been fortunate when the referee spotted an infringement as he was caught in possession just outside his own area by Benjamin Sesko in the sixth minute, but otherwise Chelsea were by far the more threatening of the two teams.

The width provided by right back Reece James and Cucurella and Raheem Sterling on the opposite flank stretched the visitors and the home side would have been ahead had they been able to make more of the succession of balls played into the Salzburg box.

Sterling's trickery won a 10th minute free-kick that curled into the area and met by Kai Havertz only for the forward's powerful header to strike Okafor. James served up a similarly tempting cross 10 minutes later with his clipped ball in floating just behind Aubameyang and Sterling was unable to work an opening after collecting the loose ball inside the area.

And the industrious James was again the provider after a quick coun-

ter-attack when he whipped in a low cross that flew in front of Aubameyang. Yet while there was no let up to the Blues's attacking efforts, a telling finish continued to elude them and they reached the break having failed to register a shot on target, their frustrations compounded in first half added time when the home side appeals for a penalty were turned down after Mateo Kovacic's header had struck Bernardo's hand.

Had Potter's side continued to falter in front of goal, those frustrations would only have grown. There was a clear sense of relief then, when Sterling made the breakthrough just three minutes after the restart.

James was again involved, making yet another positive forward run before playing the ball down the line and into the path of Mason Mount. The midfielder weighed up his options and delivered a low ball into the box which found its way to Sterling. The winger made the most of that stroke of good fortune, moving the ball on to his right foot before curling a shot beyond keeper Philipp Kohn.

That should have provided the platform for Chelsea to take control of the game but their failure to add a second meant they remained vulnerable a Salzburg response. And that came in the 75th minute when the visitors countered after a Chel-

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Raheem Sterling scored his fourth goal for Chelsea, in his eighth appearance



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